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High Hopes for Tabor Drama *In the Heights*

By Jean Perry

They make it look so easy, those Tabor Academy drama students. Every year, the young actors pull off another musical production as if they were born to play the part. On second thought, they don't merely pull it – they smash it.

That's why this year's selection of *In the Heights*, created by famed *Hamilton* writer Lin-Manuel Miranda, was selected not only for its compelling story, but also for its challenging nature. It's multi-cultural, set in a mostly minority barrio neighborhood full of characters whose lives are much different than the 'average' Tabor Academy alumni, and the actors' lines are



On the cover: Soaring to New 'Heights' – Tabor Academy's annual winter musical production this year is "In the Heights," written by famed "Hamilton" writer Lin-Manuel Miranda. The show spans three days in the lives of the residents of the New York City barrio. Seen here left to right are Hannah Rolighed playing Daniela, the outrageous gossip who owns the beauty salon, Mia Vaughn playing Nina Rosario, Emma Quirk as Carla, Estrella Struck as Mia, and Ellyn Cunningham as Vanessa. The FREE show runs February 15-17 at 7:30 pm at the Fireman Center for Performing Arts on Front Street. Photo by Jean Perry

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almost entirely in song.

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Even with an entire week before opening night, the Friday afternoon dress rehearsal was already a nearly polished performance. And it didn't matter that the ratio of inexperienced actors in lead roles to experienced Tabor thespians was closer this year. Under the direction of Mark Howland and with the support of fellow Tabor students, everyone was shining like a star.

Tabor student Samantha Figueroa was essential in her role as consultant for the production – she grew up in New York City and spent much of her childhood in Washington Heights. She had the actors really getting to think about life there – the language, the outlook, even the hair and clothes and the way storefronts and streets look, all reflected in the costumes and set design.

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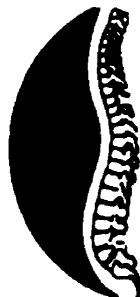
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"I was kind of trying to get the cast to really understand the life," said Figueroa, "so the characters for them weren't just characters. I was helping them to connect with their characters because the more in touch with a character you are, the better it is."

Music Director John Horne said the very nature of the production is a challenge – its characters that live in a working class inner city neighborhood facing blackouts in electricity, financial hardship, dreams that seem out of reach – the barrio, "Where every day is a struggle," said Horne. But the play also reflects on the close relationships within the community – a tightknit community – and of course, the tribulations and triumphs of the family unit.

"It's a timeless story, but it's also a modern play," Horne said.

Calling for a multi-cultural cast meant a loud casting call aimed at procuring a diverse cast to accurately reflect the faces of the barrio. Kelsey Boch who plays Camila Roasario, co-owner with her husband of Rosario's Car Service, said they really had to "call out the troops" to form the multi-cultural cast, which features a number of roles considered leads or primary roles.

Harding Daniel who plays Boch's character's husband, Kevin Rosario, has participated in three musicals now, but this is his first leading role. It's the sixth Tabor production for drama veteran Hanna Rolighed, who plays Daniela – the loud, bold beauty salon owner who loves to gossip.

"She does *all* the plays," said Boch.

The curtain opens just before dawn. A graffiti artist is the only one stirring in the street until bodega owner Usnavi de la Vega (Brian Lee), who is a narrator of sorts throughout, chases him off as he arrives to open the store. Lee is first to bust out with his musical lyrics, rapping about the main characters of Washington Heights

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Benny (AJ Macrina) works for the Rosarios and falls in love with Nina, which infuriates Nina's father who rejects Benny because he is not Latino. Vanessa (Ellyn Cuningham) is the stunning young woman who works in the hair salon and dreams of "getting out" of the barrio one day, and Sonny (Matt Carvalho) is Usnavi's enthusiastic yet clumsy assistant at the bodega. Abuela Claudia (Amelia Rolighed) is the matriarch of the barrio who took Usnavi in when he was young. She wins the



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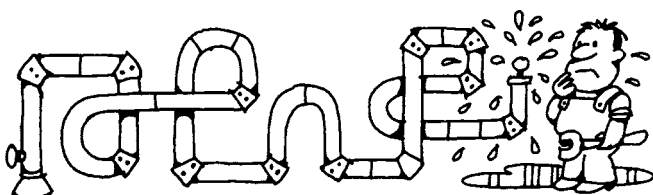
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It's a tale of love, joy, heartbreak, and of course hope for the characters and an experience of awe and splendor for the audience of this Tabor Academy winter musical production. The show is free for all and opens Thursday, February 15, and runs until February 17. The show starts at 7:30 pm and is located at the Fireman Center for Performing Arts at Hoyt Hall, 235 Front Street, Marion.

'OR Celebrates Family Night' a Rousing Success

By Deina Zartman

It's safe to say that last Saturday's OR Celebrates Family Night, the first district-wide event of its kind, was a bona fide success.

The event, hosted by ANCHOR, a parent outreach program at Sippican School, was originally planned for Sippican families but grew to also include families from Mattapoisett and Rochester.

"We wanted people to feel like they had the opportunity to share what made their family unique and special," said Lisa Dix, a teacher at Sippican and ANCHOR co-founder.

There were long tables arranged around the school's multi-purpose room for students to share their families' unique heritage. Most offered static displays or

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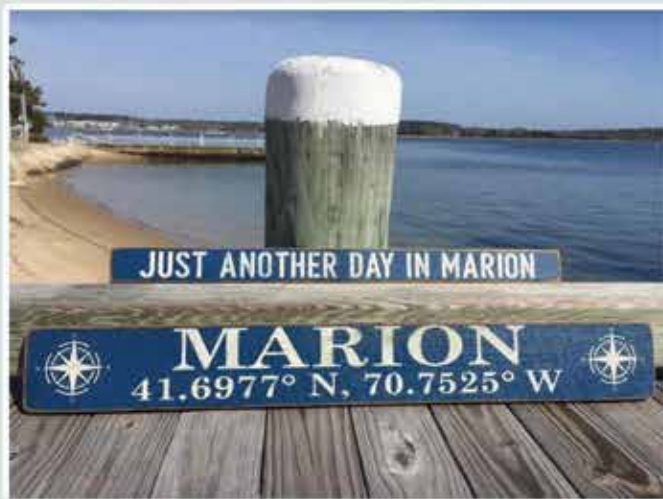


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laptops with information, as well as hands-on activities or food samples to engage the curious.

"The whole idea is just to flow around, check out what's here," Dix said. "We've got families that have focused mainly on heritage, but there is some other representation here, like [two students] whose great-grandfather invented Klondike Bars."

Two women wrote people's names in Japanese calligraphy on bookmarks. A girl cooked aebleskiver, a traditional pastry from Denmark.

An African drum group from UMass Dartmouth provided music for the first half of the hour-long event, and Sippican music teacher Patricia Richard led families in European dances for the second half.

Language teachers from the middle school and the high school were also on hand "...To showcase what the elementary kids should expect to see ... in their future years," Dix said.

Dix and Lisa Horan, who runs ANCHOR and also teaches at Sippican, hope that OR Celebrates Family Night will become an annual event hosted by different schools in the district.

The Vocal Coyote

By George B. Emmons

The Eastern coyote that we often see darting across both country and suburban roads in the nocturnal headlights of our car has come to be as large as a German Shepherd dog. We have become aware that they are not the same at all as the small 25-pound western, wily, animated humorous character in Walt Disney cartoons for children. When and how did that happen? Today, scientists are in considerable disagreement on how the process of hybridization was greatly accelerated by human modification to habitat that in turn paved the way for geographical adjustment to all of New England.

The original Southwest species was perhaps best characterized in Navaho folklore as a trickster involved in the mythology of life's first creation on Earth, claiming mystical superiority in the scheme of how it all came about. Now, he has miraculously transformed himself in the mind of civilization from being first a coyote, then into a 'coydog,' and now about to be reclassified as a 'coywolf.' The taxonomy of this new species often labeled backyard big game is currently estimated as approximately 60 percent coyote, 30 percent wolf, and as much as 10 percent domestic dog, even though interbreeding with them is

rare.

There is some possibility that they will continue to evolve into a new species, *Canis oriens*, because of success highlighted by genetic findings of ability to interbreed with other canines as well as readily adapt to the too-close-for-comfort inter-city habitat. They can run 40 miles per hour, travel long distances daily up



to 15 miles, with a lifetime range of 11 square miles, frequently relocating to other areas to their liking. They adapt quickly to a wide variety of food including rabbits, woodchucks, rodents, wild turkeys and other birds, feral cats, stray small pets, and dogs. At the last den I personally have found was a wide variety of bits of fir and feather, including traces of white tail deer fawns.

Mainly nocturnal, they can be out of most people's sight and mind, but audibly they communicate with each other with short barks for location of others. They are very social and family-preoccupied, as I recently observed in a recently mowed farm field with a mother standing on her hind feet showing her pups how to find and ferret out a rodent. They are better known for howling more often at a rising full moon as in my illustration. It starts out with a flat tone, followed by a wavering blood curdling howl conveyed to others in the distance.



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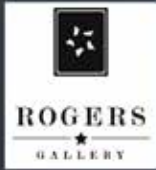


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The World According to Chocolate

By Marilou Newell

Once upon a time in the dense jungles and forests of Central America, early inhabitants discovered the cocoa pod. It became more precious than gold to those early native peoples. With amazing ingenuity, they developed a method for extracting the beans, roasting them, and then brewing the ebony gems into a drink enjoyed only by high-ranking members of their society. One can only wonder what the kings of ancient Mayan civilizations would think if they knew the impact that cocoa's evolution would have on mankind across time.

On February 12, the Marion Council on Aging hosted Victoria Kichuk, a guest speaker from Cocoa Beantown, a Boston-based chocolatier. Kichuk took the assembled on a journey of chocolate tasting. Woven throughout her talk, Kichuk enlightened the group on everything from where the plants are grown to the latest in chocolate innovations.

The cocoa tree grows mostly in a 20-degree band north and south of the Equator. While cocoa is primarily known as a product originating in the Americas, today Africa produces 40 percent of all commercially traded product, Kichuk said.

Given the small geographic areas in which the plants thrive, Kichuk expressed the importance of a healthy environment for plant production. Such increasing concerns as global warming, disease, and fire could profoundly and negatively affect future production.

Kichuk explained that the pods grow from the trunk of the cocoa tree, giving the plant an otherworldly appearance. She also said that it takes 10 years for trees to mature sufficiently for the production of flowers leading to pods and the much sought after beans inside. In spite of these considerations, she said, "It's amazing that we can get chocolate whenever we want."

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of chocolate samples as she discussed "mouth feel," "fragrance," "flavor notes," and pairings. As the participants sampled such succulent flavors as white chocolate from Belgium, Blond Dulcey and milk chocolate from France, and dark chocolate from Madagascar, Kichuk asked people to notice the differences in taste, textures, and overall enjoyment.

When considering what sort of chocolate to purchase, especially during what she called "chocolate holidays" such as Valentine's Day and Easter, Kichuk said, "You get what you pay for." She cautioned that if chocolates taste waxy, it was because they contained edible paraffin. She said the best chocolates would be those produced outside the U.S. or from small batch

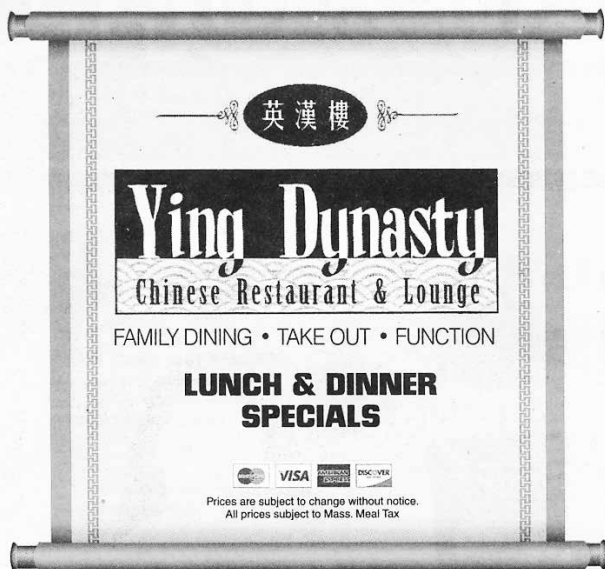
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As the gathered tasted the samples, the sounds of pleasure in the forms of “mmm” and “ah” echoed around the room. And by the way, Kichuk corrected a common misnomer that white chocolate isn’t really chocolate. Good quality white chocolate is made from cocoa butter with a bit of vanilla and sugar added.

It’s also interesting to note that cocoa beans have become a multi-million dollar industry and part of a fair trade process designed to ensure that farms remain sustainable and that farmers receive compensation that provides a living wage. And here’s a sweet statistic: from 2015 through 2016, 7.3 million tons of retail chocolate confections were consumed.

Want to know who eats the most chocolate? You may be surprised to learn that the U.S. is not even one of the top eight countries for chocolate chowing. Coming in at Number 8 was Sweden, topped by Estonia, Norway, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Germany, and at Numero Uno – Switzerland. The Swiss eat a whopping 18 pounds of chocolate per person per year. Now that’s a sweet tooth!

Mattapoissett COA Unveils Survey Results

Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

While many people were enjoying sun and fun last summer, members of the Mattapoissett Council on Aging Board of Directors were busy distributing and tabulating the results of a survey designed to gauge community engagement and the needs of an aging population.

Rachel McGourthy, chairman of the COA Board of Directors, flanked by Jackie Coucci, COA director, and board member Shirley Haley met with the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen to share the survey results.

McGourthy said of Mattapoissett’s 6,570 inhabitants, half were 55 years of age or older and, of that group, some 2,000 were over 60 years of age, making the case that even more seniors would be living in town as the wave of ‘baby boomers’ headed towards senior citizen status.

While the survey asked participants a variety of questions including what types of programs they would like the COA offer, it also captured the types of services seniors are looking for.

Based on the survey results, McGourthy said, “Our greatest concerns are transportation and housing.” She also said the COA is exploring ways to communicate to all seniors in the community including homebound residents. “We need to educate seniors on what services are available and to see what we can do going forward.”

Regarding transportation, Coucci said she was looking into ride share opportunities with surrounding councils, adding that retaining drivers for the senior van was a big challenge.

On the topic of housing, Town Administrator Michael Gagne said that Governor Baker hoped to increase housing units by 125,000 over the next five years through public and private partnerships. Referring to the work of the COA, Gagne said, “If housing gets off the ground, we’ll be positioned for grant applications.”

Haley asked about the availability of Community Preservation funds. Gagne acknowledged there were funds earmarked for public housing.

Beyond the survey, the COA is addressing the needs of the greater community – those not yet at retirement age – with programs on financial planning. Coucci said, “In April, there will be a representative from the Social Security Administration at the COA to talk to those people preparing for retirement.” She also pointed to a monthly CPR class hosted by the COA and open to the public at large.

Of the current structural needs of the senior center, Gagne said that ADA compliance was being addressed. Coucci said that parking was very difficult for seniors accessing Center School where the offices of the COA are located.

Gagne said that as the Capitol Planning Committee begins the next session of long-range spending needs, a combined recreation and senior center could be on the schedule. He explained that, as debt was retired, the committee’s focus would be shifted from the needs of the library and school buildings to other needs such as a building for the Council on Aging.

Coucci said the survey would help in the development of a five-year strategic plan for the COA. “We are all seniors in training,” Coucci chuckled. She also said that she wanted, with the help of the Board of Directors, to make Mattapoissett “an age-friendly community.”

Moving to other agenda items, Gagne updated the selectmen on a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association where the issue of opioids and their impact on cities and towns in the Commonwealth was discussed. He said a group of legal firms, working as municipal legal counselors in various locations throughout the state, was exploring options for holding pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors



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accountable for actions on their part that contributed to the explosion in addiction and related outfall from off-label use.

Gagne said he would be bringing together a group comprised of members of town departments such as schools, police, community nurse, and COA, as well as private and public social service agencies to "address this issue and see if there is something that can be done to help the community with this issue."

Regarding the Special Town Meeting that had been held the previous evening, at which voters passed two zoning bylaw articles to impose a temporary moratorium on recreational and medical marijuana sale in Mattapoisett, Gagne said, "Now the real work starts." The town will now petition the Attorney General to grant the moratorium through December 31, 2018.

Gagne told the selectmen that he would be working with Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain to scope out the development of two committees to address the two separate zoning bylaws the board will now be tasked with writing. The Planning Board's next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room, but Gagne said he might bring the board together before that for a "working session."

In other business, the selectmen met with a representative from Verizon to discuss double telephone poles along Route 6 that the utility needs to vacate. Selectman Paul Silva was especially frustrated with the

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length of time double poles have remained in place and worried that when they are finally removed the remaining holes, if improperly filled, will become a public safety hazard.

There was considerable discussion regarding which utility was ultimately responsible for removing the approximately 20 double poles located not only along Route 6, but also along River Road and other locations. It was disclosed that Eversource was responsible.

Silva asked Gagne to work with town counsel to review options, including removal dates for older poles when utilities request permits from the town to place new poles as well as the possibility of imposing fines when the abandoned poles are not promptly removed.

Gagne also reported that the Mattapoisett Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan would be uploaded to the town website for public review, comment, and revision. He said that once the document was approved by FEMA, the town could then apply for funding as needed for environmental remediation concerns. He said that of particular concern was the sewer main that crosses Eel Pond. Gagne said he had been working with the sewer department to prepare the necessary data and materials in preparation of grant applications. Of that project, he said, "We'll need funding from multiple sources."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **February 27** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Moratorium Passes Easily in Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

By Marilou Newell

One hundred and six voters attended the February 12 Special Town Meeting in Mattapoisett, with 102 of them supporting a temporary moratorium on commercial marijuana establishments in the seaside community.

The Special Town Meeting was arranged by the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen after several Planning Board hearings found that voters had concerns regarding the April 1 launch of state regulations and licensing for the growing, commercial selling, and distribution of marijuana in Massachusetts.



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On this night, the voters said 'yes,' and the moratorium on both recreational and medical marijuana zoning bylaws easily passed with virtually no comment or controversy.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne explained at the outset that temporary moratorium zoning bylaws lasting until December 31, 2018 would give the town and its governing boards, primarily the Planning Board, time to study and write permanent zoning bylaws, hold public meetings to allow voter input, and to determine if the town wants local regulating bylaws or a full prohibition. Once that process has been completed, Gagne said zoning bylaw article(s) would appear in the Fall Town Meeting warrant.

Also providing critical information during the Special Town Meeting was Town Counsel Katherine Laughman of KP Law who gave a brief presentation that explained to the voters what local zoning bylaws may and may not regulate.

Laughman's presentation pointed out that cities and towns may institute bylaws that regulate "marijuana cultivation," "marijuana retail sales," "marijuana product manufacturing," "independent testing laboratories," and any other types of licensed marijuana-related business.

Cities and towns, Laughman explained, that do not zone for a complete prohibition of such businesses but instead impose regulations through local zoning bylaws are prohibited from regulating the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by persons over 21, home growing for personal use (six plants per adult on a premises, up to 12 plants and 10 ounces for personal use), the give away or transfer of up to one ounce for no remuneration, or the possession and manufacturing of marijuana accessories by persons age 21 to persons 21 and over.

Business models that will be permitted by the state's Cannabis Control Commission and may be regulated at the local level include craft marijuana cultivator cooperatives, microbusinesses, retail brick and mortar stores, third party transport, and social consumption.

Rising to speak was David Anderson who

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asked about the number of marijuana establishments Mattapoisett might see in the future. Selectman Tyler Macallister responded, "One."

Lisa Cardoza asked what residents could do if moratoriums were in place. She wanted to know what the next steps might be and how voters could participate. Macallister said, "There'll be open meetings ... public input ... the process will be transparent." He also thought that the police department and other safety officers would be part of the review process.

Gagne said approximately 80 cities and towns in the commonwealth had voted for moratoriums and the subsequent planning process would be "intense."

Cardoza asked, "Will we be given studies or have access to research?" Macallister responded, "...In a prefect world, yes, but with a Fall Town Meeting that may be difficult."

Gagne said, "Issues will have to be acted upon at Fall Town Meeting... The Planning Board will base bylaws on public comment... The community as a whole can also bring zoning bylaws to the Planning Board. We'll help with that," said Gagne. "It's not just vested to the Planning Board ... the public can do so also."

Cecilia Sanders asked if the chief of police would comment on the position of the police department.

Police Chief Mary Lyons rose to take the podium making it clear, "We are not in favor of sales or cultivation. Statistics say it is not healthy for a town." She



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urged the voters to pass a moratorium to give the town time to make a fully informed decision. She also reminded the voters that the state issues the permits and collects the revenue much like liquor licensing.

When the vote was taken, Article 1 Recreational Marijuana Establishments Moratorium passed 102 to 4, as did Article 2 Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

Mendoza Loses Appeal, Threatens Lawsuit

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

Wellspring Farm's biggest foe, next door neighbor to 42 Hiller Road Cathy Mendoza, had her appeal to the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals to overturn the Planning Board's Site Plan Review denied on February 8.

When the continued public hearing was opened, Mendoza suggested the ZBA table the discussion for now, claiming that the Board of Selectmen was now "involved" after she sent them a letter pertaining to her dissatisfaction with the town's handling of her complaints against Wellspring Farm, the therapeutic horseback riding center located within a residential zone.

In that letter dated January 27, of which she sent a copy to the Planning Board but not to the ZBA, she wrote to the selectmen saying that she was unsatisfied with the board's past recommendation that "two other boards are handling this matter," asserting that back in January 2017 the board denied other Hiller Road neighbors "access"



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to the Board of Selectmen, writing, "Had you not refused to intervene, you would have had the opportunity to instruct the ZBA to have your Zoning Enforcement Officer do his job."

Mendoza told the ZBA that the Board of Selectmen was now "involved" after Selectmen Chairman Brad Morse confirmed during the February 5 meeting of the Board of Selectmen that Town Counsel Blair Bailey had reviewed Mendoza's letter and suggested, "I'd like to ask him to respond to it." At that meeting, Selectman Naida Parker motioned to take the matter under advisement until Bailey responds to the letter.

Mendoza alleges that, because Wellspring Farm owners Holly and James Vogel did not file an application for Site Plan Review with the Planning Board within the 90 days stated in the ZBA's standard conditions in its Special Permit for commercial use within a residential zone, taking instead 151 days for the formal filing, it rendered the ZBA's Special Permit null and void.

On February 9, attorney for the Vogels, George Boerger, said the Vogels did meet for a preliminary pre-submission hearing during that 90-day period, which required preparation before a formal application submission.

But it was the actual filing of the application that Mendoza was concerned with, saying the formal Site Plan Review application was supposed to have been filed within 90 days.

"[Bailey] is going to decide whether a permit actually exists," Mendoza said. She said Bailey, in a prior discuss with him, acknowledged that the formal filing with the Planning Board was not filed within the 90 days.

"I'm still not sure what the Board of Selectmen has to do with this," ZBA Chairman Richard Cutler said.

"Because it is still not being addressed," replied Mendoza.

ZBA member Kirby Gilmore said that since the ZBA had not received any correspondence from the selectmen from Bailey then the ZBA could not be concerned with Mendoza's assertion that the selectmen were involved.

Back to Mendoza's 90-day filing concern, Cutler



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said, "Yes, we did say that they needed to apply with the Planning Board. The Planning Board process requires some preliminary meetings before the actual filing of the paperwork."

Yes, but the application has to be before 90 days, not 151 days, Mendoza replied.

"[The Town] can enforce laws at the local level, or we can go to Superior Court and be told to enforce the laws," said Mendoza. "That's where we're at at this point and [Bailey] understands that's where we're at."

Perhaps the Vogels did not file before the 90 days, but they did proceed with the Planning Board within the 90 days, Cutler said.

"It doesn't matter," said Cutler.

"It does to me," said Mendoza.

"They did proceed with the process," Cutler said.

"That's not [Bailey's] opinion," said Mendoza.



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"He's not here," Cutler said. "This is *my* opinion."

Cutler suggested the board proceed with the matter and vote on it that night.

Boerger told the board, "It's our opinion that the Planning Board really did a very good job in putting together the Site Plan [Review]." He continued, "There's absolutely no basis for the Zoning Board to reverse the decision of the Site Plan."

Boerger added that there is a mandatory 20-day appeal period once the Planning Board approves a Site Plan, but Mendoza chose not to appeal the approval at that time.

"Essentially, what Ms. Mendoza's trying to do is to circumvent the twenty-day appeal period and come

back in," said Boerger.

Mendoza said that's what Boerger said the last time they met. "Oh, my God," said a visibly annoyed Mendoza. "Nauseating..."

In her appeal to the ZBA, Mendoza also requested additional safeguards be implemented, such as the full enforcement of a 20-foot buffer from the property line, which was waived by the Planning Board due to the placement of structures and the driveway that pre-existed the Site Plan Review. She also suggested additional vegetation within the buffer zone to mitigate noise such as clients and therapists having "loud" conversations that Mendoza claims is still a problem for her.

"To the extent that they're trying to add additional restrictions," said Boerger, "We had a noise engineer..." Mendoza interrupted him, saying, "What was his name? Such a liar..."

Boerger said he, too, has spoken to Bailey. "He certainly agrees with the position I advanced, and the statement that was made by Ms. Mendoza is not accurate, is completely opposite to what I was told."

"That's fine," said Mendoza. "Let's go forward with the appeal as written, but I am very concerned with the noise situation. I want what is written in the law. I want a full twenty-foot vegetated buffer on their side of the fence. I think that's reasonable."

Mendoza continued with a diatribe over noise and cars beeping their horns, and said the Vogels have been lying.

Gilmore said Mendoza was out of order.

"I've already met with an attorney," said Mendoza. She added that she would also file a civil lawsuit against the Vogels for the noise.

Public discussion was closed, and the board continued deliberating on whether or not to vote that night, "talking it out" as ZBA member David Arancio called it as the board vacillated between the options of waiting for Bailey's reply or moving forward that night with a vote.

"I don't see the issues that are raised in this appeal," said Cutler. "In my opinion, all those issues have been adequately addressed by the Planning Board. The

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things that are part of this appeal are mainly enforcement issues ... with the zoning enforcement officer." He added, "There isn't anything we as the [ZBA] can add to this."

The vote was unanimous to deny Mendoza's appeal. Mendoza had already left the meeting by that time.

In other matters, after Arancio recused himself and left the meeting because his in-laws designed the plans for the project up for discussion, the board approved the Special Permit and Variance to construct a two-family single-level house on Neck Road filed by Jeanne and Erline Sciuto. Special conditions include no commercial use, no accessory structures other than allowable sheds unless an application is filed, and one unit must be owner occupied at all times.

Some abutters lamented that a house was being built in the open field across from them, but Cutler later commented, "Obviously, I think we would all love to see that field stay a field but that is not our option, that is not our property."

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be **March 8** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Board Returns to Routine Business

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

After months of interesting topics like menthol cigarette bans and marijuana on the agenda, the Marion Board of Health on February 13 returned to more mundane issues with three public hearings for septic system variances.

David Davignon representing 12 North Drive was requesting relief from a second mandatory percolation test in the form of a variance.

Davignon said the property was a "unique property" built in 1750. The property features an L-shaped garage attached to a barn that was also likely built in 1750, according to Davignon.

The property has changed hands several times over the last two decades, and it is likely that the house has remained vacant for the most part for some 15 to 16

years now. The basement has about 3 to 4 feet of water in it, and much of the house is falling into disrepair, said Davignon.

The current owner now wishes to add some living space to that barn, bringing the total bedrooms up from six to eight.

The property needs a new septic system, and a perc test was performed back in 2013 with no issues. A second required perc test was to be performed, but as Davignon pointed out, it has been a wild winter with loads of rain followed by deep freezes and intermittent storms.

"It's not the ideal time of year for perc tests," said Davignon.

As the board considered the request, Health Agent Karen Walega advised the board members, "The (soil) material's not going to change. It's going to be the same material (as in 2013)."

"The builder's anxious to plow ahead and he will plow ahead with six bedrooms instead of eight if he has to," said Davignon. But he won't have to, because the board approved the septic variance for that size house.

Also during the meeting, the board continued the public hearing for a number of variance requests for 30 Rocky Knook Lane, represented by Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering.

Grady brought with him an updated plan reflecting a change from a two-bedroom house to a three-



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bedroom. Because of the change in the number of rooms on the plan, Walega advised the board that the hearing notice would have to be posted again to reflect the three bedrooms.

Grady agreed to re-advertising the public notice, but asked the board to give him feedback on the updated plan before moving forward.

Some of the variance requests pertain to relief from having to perform a perc test and allowing the soil test lab results to suffice, given that the water table at the property – and all along the street, according to Grady – is too high for a perc test. Grady also requested a variance from some of the setbacks including street setback and wetlands setback. The septic system street setbacks would

be 7.5 feet instead of the required 10 feet, and the wetlands setbacks would be 44 feet instead of the required 50 feet.

"I'm trying to push the system as far away from the house as we can and keep it far away from the wetland," said Grady.

Grady requested another variance for water table separation, asking for 4 feet of separation rather than the required 5 feet.

The system will be designed for a three-bedroom and, according to Marion's code, requires a 400 gallon-per-day capacity. The proposed system is 348 gallons, which meets the state's code of 330 gallons per day, but not the Town's.

"But it doesn't meet our code and it's in a sensitive area," said board member Betsy Dunn.

Grady said the system would have to be moved closer to the wetlands in order to meet Marion's 400 gallons per day.

Board of Health member Jason Reynolds asked, "If it were designed for the four hundred gallons, how close would it end up to the wetlands?"

"Another four feet closer," Grady said.

Reynolds said he would be fine with the setback variances, to which Dunn agreed.

"I think I would be okay with the second [variance], but I think I'd be more likely to vote for the wetland variance if it actually was ... forty feet from the wetlands and have the four hundred gallon capacity than to be as is."

Grady said he could make that change.

"I would agree with that," said Board of Health Chairman John Howard.

The hearing was continued until March 13 to allow for the proper posting of the meeting notice.

The board also approved a variance for 33 Cove Road represented by Doug Schneider of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for **February 27** at 4:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

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Fate of Solar Farm Still Cloudy

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Planning Board closed the public hearing for large-scale solar developer Borrego Solar Systems for its proposed solar project at 453 Rounseville Road at the corner of Mendell Road, and although the project is nearing the finish line and is poised for approval, Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson reminded everyone on February 13 that the project may get approved or it might not – “We don’t know yet.”

Aside from a clerical error on the Mylar plans, Borrego is on track in its progress, with Borrego representative Steve Long telling the board in reference to its peer review engineer’s letter, “I think we’ve addressed every comment.”

Johnson opened it up to the public for one last chance at final comments, which prompted Johnson to disclose some of his thoughts on solar in Rochester.

Abutter Kimberly Bindas of 14 Mendell Road urged the board to review the information packet she submitted pertaining to electromagnetic frequency readings and the risks EMFs have, including childhood leukemia, she said. “It’s something that’s very serious to me,” she told the board. Board member and electrical technician John DiMaggio stated that he would review the information and consider it between then and the next meeting.


Hillier Road resident (and candidate for Board of Selectmen) Cathy Mendoza took the opportunity to voice her support for the residents affected by the proposed solar farm and asked the board to look over at Lakeville and its Board of Selectmen’s intervention in a proposal to install solar panels at the train station.


“We’re bound by our rules and regulations,” said Johnson, “and not a popularity contest.” But that would be something to bring to the selectmen, not the Planning Board, he said.

“We have to be careful when we represent the town when we go to litigation because if we go to litigation, we don’t want to lose on something that we don’t have a purview...”

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Mendoza herself recently told the Zoning Board of Appeals that she might file a lawsuit against the town over her appeal of the Planning Board's Site Plan Review approval for her abutting neighbor Wellspring Farms.

Johnson said that he was actually about to meet with the Selectmen's Office the next day regarding the Board of Selectmen's desire to explore the state status of "Green Community" for Rochester. It was the selectmen's initiative, Johnson said, adding that components to becoming a Green Community often involve "expedited" permitting to solar and wind energy projects.

Planning Board member Ben Bailey punctuated Mendoza's every other sentence with a question on the relevance to the Planning Board hearing, and after a few more of Bailey's suggestions to keep to the matter at hand, the back and forth between Mendoza and Johnson ceased.

Another abutter wondered how Rochester could become a Green Community "when it's covered with black solar panels."

After some frustrated comments from other abutters, Johnson told them that the board *does* listen to them.

"And we've adjusted this project," he said, and the project has even been pushed back away from the road as a consequence of abutters' comments. "We have listened, and we've had them make some pretty significant adjustments."

Planning Board member Gary Florindo added, "I don't want any of you to think that we're not concerned ... because we are."

He lamented the fact that, after the struggles that other neighborhoods have endured, including the New Bedford Road residents who turned out to Planning Board meetings in droves for weeks, those neighbors were now not present to support the Rounseville and Mendell Road residents now facing the same.

"Maybe they are backing you," said Florindo, "but they're not here to back you. I feel – and I know where you're coming from, I really do – that's why when I look at this thing, I'm at a loss right now because there are certain things that we have to do." It's the process, he said.

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But at the same time, Florindo said, the landowners are the ones coming forward, reaching out to solar developers because that is what they want to do with their land.

"I'm old enough to remember when the farms around here had barbed wire and cows everywhere, and I would rather see the barbed wire and cows," he said, as opposed to the stockade fences surrounding the once open fields.

"I'm doing the best I can with what I have to do for you people," Florindo said. "If [the Borrego project] does go through, I'll be at that site watching, making sure it's done the way it's supposed to be done."

Perhaps, said Johnson, after the 25-year life of the project, the stockade fences will come down and those fields turned solar farms will simply be open fields again.

Johnson said he has considered the petition the residents submitted with 120 signatures.

"We did take the petition into account," stated Johnson. "The board is still working to look at the solar bylaw that we have currently on the books ... to somehow slow these things (solar farm applications) down a little bit.

"Because right now, it's not like 40B housing," continued Johnson. "Forty-B can be capped ... but there's no cap on saying the town can handle 'x' amount of megawatts and then we can say, okay, we're done. So we're working on trying to find some ways. It may not



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help over [at Rounseville Road], but a town as a whole.... We are trying to look at ways to maybe slow it down. The bylaw is a tough bylaw ... and an expensive bylaw (because of high bonds)."

Long told the residents that the landowner approached Borrego, and by looking at the zoning and the rules of Rochester, he has done his best to make the project work for his client.

"This is the hardest bylaw of any," said Long, referring to other towns in the state he has worked in. "They've adjusted and asked for more and we agreed to it. You won't see it ... it'll be the best it can be – so we should be allowed to do what we want to do with this property."

Johnson said the board would likely take a vote two meetings from then on March 13 after an initial review of the draft decision on February 27.

Also during the meeting, the board approved Madeleine Monteiro's request to withdraw her application without prejudice for a Special Permit for a Back Lot at 0 Walnut Plain Road.

The board also approved three Approval Not Required applications for Gerard Lorusso/Edgewood Development for Horse Neck Drive, Box Turtle Drive, and Forbes Road all located at Connet Woods. Johnson said in a past approval, the board had granted the developer the option to shift some lot lines should percolation test concerns arise.

"It doesn't add or subtract house lots," Johnsons said. "They're just exercising their right ... to move the lot lines."

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for **February 27** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

Towns in a Pickle Over Trash

Carver, Marion, and Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Committee

By Jean Perry

Town officials from Marion, Wareham, and Carver have a sour taste in their mouths over the pickle in which the three towns now find themselves pertaining to the current state of its private collective trash entity and the uncertain future of trash collection.

Ray Pickles, a man ubiquitously well known in Marion for his current municipal positions as town clerk and member of the Board of Assessors and prior positions as town administrator of 28 plus years, building commissioner, and zoning enforcement officer, was also the executive director of the Carver, Marion, and Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District for years – that is until January 29 when the CMWRRDD Committee terminated its contract with Moss Hollow Management Corporation and extended it to include Pickles "doing business as Moss Hollow," as stated in the minutes of that meeting.

Moss Hollow Management Corporation is listed on the Secretary of State website as under the ownership of Pickles' wife Diane Bondi-Pickles. The company's status as a corporation was involuntarily dissolved by the Secretary of State's Office on June 30, 2017, unbeknownst to the committee, said Marion Selectman and CMWRRDD member Norm Hills during a follow-up on February 9.

During the January 29 meeting, according to the minutes, the committee could not locate any past contracts with Moss Hollow, and the last reference to any contract with Moss Hollow was in 2010 – beyond its statutory life and basically null and void, the committee determined, and should be terminated.

On February 6, the small CMWRRDD headquarters office on Island Wharf in Marion was packed with committee members representing all three towns, all three town administrators, Marion Finance Director Judith Mooney, other CMWRRDD Committee members like retired DPW Superintendent Rob Zora, Wareham Harbormaster Gary Buckminster, and the press. The conference table was elbow to elbow as the meeting became standing room only, except for Mooney who found a seat on the rock salt bucket by the front door.

According to Hills, since the last meeting and since Pickles was fired, chairs inside the office have gone missing.

The issue at hand now for the committee is to piece together the financial transactions of the last five years overseen by Pickles to determine where the money is, where it went, and if any of it was ever mishandled.

Pickles has been removed from all known CMWRRDD accounts, and his CMWRRDD cell phone account was canceled. The locks on the office doors were subsequently changed.

According to Carver Town Administrator Michael Milanoski, the town administrators have only been attending CMWRRDD Committee meetings since January 11 when the committee authorized all three town administrators to begin jointly serving as district administrator – Marion Town Administrator Paul Dawson servicing matters pertaining to finance and compliance, Wareham Town Administrator Derek Sullivan in matters of facility operations, and Milanoski in administration and legal matters.

On January 11, Mooney was also appointed the authority to oversee all the audit and financial information on behalf of CMWRRDD.

Dominating the discussion that night was a possible forensic audit of every fiscal year since the last documented audit Pickles was able to provide to the committee from 2012. Review of documentation has been slow, with documents missing, and financial concerns were raised, as it was discovered on January 29 that records pertaining to fiscal years 2016 and 2017 indicate more was spent than was budgeted, and it appears as though Pickles was still paying off the FY2017 bills with FY2018 money.

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Milanoski said the committee is still waiting on various documents and past audit information "...That may or may not exist," he said, just before recommending a five-year audit.

"We're going to have a lot of trouble trying to find all the records," said Milanoski.

But as Dawson asked, "Are we going to be able to provide [auditors] with the information they're going to need? And that's questionable at this time."

"We may be looking at a forensic audit," said Milanoski. "But does the data exist? Can we complete the audit?"

The consequences of not being able to fully comply with the audit, said Mooney, would be a "black

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Mooney said a forensic audit would investigate every aspect of the money that came in and was spent during the last five years of relatively undocumented transactions and, although more expensive than a standard audit, would provide the committee with an overview of the entire last five years.

The committee will review quotes at the next meeting and then order the audit.

There were other questions that popped up that night like, where did the stabilization fund go?

"It may have already been spent," said Milanoski, "We don't know – and that's the thing. We don't know."

Hills said he found bank statements for two accounts, but two new checking accounts were discovered that the committee was not aware existed.

Mooney added that she changed those two accounts Hills found, and also another, after she discovered the CMWRRDD was incurring extra charges for not keeping a minimum balance.

As the audit unfolds, former Marion selectman and CMWRRDD Chairman Stephen Cushing wondered if the committee members and town officials would suffer any liability should any inappropriate or illegal activity be documented, but an insurance policy in place should protect the committee members and the towns as long as all parties acted in good faith.

As the meeting went on, Mooney retreated at times to Pickles' old office to comb through file cabinets and assess what was there.

According to Hills, who was appointed to the CMWRRDD when he was elected to the Board of Selectmen, the red flags started popping up in March last year when Marion (and the other two towns) received a bill for \$59,000 from CMWRRDD after years of either no charges or minimal charges for trash tonnage. More red flags started waving back in December when the committee met with Pickles to review Pickles' proposed FY19 budget for the district.

"It wasn't even added up right," Hills said during the follow-up. "We told [Pickles] to go fix it and we'll

have another meeting. Then somewhere along the line, the town administrators got involved in what was going on with the budget so they showed up and it's been a sleigh ride ever since."

There are many questions and a number of things Hills said do not add up, like unpaid bills and no back up to expenditures and financial transactions. And the absence of an audit five years in a row, said Hills, "That's not a good sign."

And as far as Moss Hollow goes, said Hills, "We'd been paying a company that doesn't exist [anymore]."

"Nobody knows enough to know which way to jump, other than we know we need to protect ourselves," said Hills.

The CMWRRDD faces an uncertain future as its agreement with SEMASS expires at the end of 2020. Hills said on February 9 that he learned SEMASS had approached Pickles in the past with an offer to extend the contract with CMWRRDD, "And Ray said 'no' and no one ever told anyone." Hills said he is hopeful, however, that SEMASS may be willing to revisit contract negotiations with the district.

The next meeting of the Carver, Marion, and Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District is scheduled for February 28 at a time and location to be determined.

The 'Best' and 'Mostly Likely To' of ORR

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

The early months of the year bring award show season, which was in full force at Old Rochester Regional High School on February 7!

Last week, the Class of 2018 hosted the annual Senior Superlative Awards Gala. Students and parents gathered in the auditorium for a night of fun as they revealed the winners of the peer awards.

Although the seniors' special night was one of celebration for their peers, it was also one of a community in mourning. Becket Kiernan, a Marine from the ORRHS Class of 2017, passed away early last week. Last year, he had been the recipient of the "Best Laugh" and "Unsung Class Hero" awards, and the seniors held a moment of remembrance for him.

Seniors Christian Hotte and Michael Sivvianakis hosted the event and introduced each of the 52 awards. One of the highlights of the night was definitely the final award of the night. Ian Craig made his way up to receive the "Best Friend" award to a standing ovation by the entire audience.

The first award of the night, though, for "Best Dressed" went to Mackenzie Good and Italian exchange student Matteo Momigliano with raucous applause. When jokingly asked why he was wearing what he was that night, Momigliano replied, "It was the first thing I saw."

"Gym Warrior" went to quarterback Harry Smith,

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who recently committed to play football and track at Southern Connecticut State University.

"Show us the fruit of your labors and show us your guns," Hotte said, gaining some cheers as Smith flexed for the audience.

Ainslee Bangs took home "Best Hair," and when asked what her hair treatment secret is, she simply said, "I wash it."

"Best Facial Expressions" went to Andrew Miller, and Maddie Martin claimed the "Most School Spirit" award. When "Most Likely to be Your Boss" winner Sam Pasquill was asked how he would be the best boss, he replied, "Just give everyone a job and employ them."

"Best Smile" went to Lindsey Merolla, who gave the audience a grin, and Jake Thompson won "Most Likely to Cheer You Up." Abby Dyson was quick to say Spain would be her first destination as "Most Likely to Travel the World" winner.

"What gaming console is superior?" Sivvianakis asked Emo Schiappa, winner of "Best Gamer."

"Oh, that's easy: tablet," Schiappa said to rounds of laughter.

"Best Beard" went to Alex Lorenz, Mackenzie Drew was voted "Most Likely to Come Back and Teach at ORR," and Chris Savino and Elle Gendreau were crowned "Drama King and Queen."

"Super Fan" Parker Truesdale thought for a long moment when asked what his least favorite sport to watch was. His reply of "tennis" drew controversial "oohs" from the audience and some scattered chuckles.

Destyn Miranda won "Best Sneakers," Carly Demanche took home "Best Sneeze," and Harry Smith also won "Most Likely to Win an Olympic Medal." Cam Buler was named "Most Likely to Be Late at Graduation," and his absence from the gala only led to laughter over how spot-on the award appeared to be.

"Worst Case of Senioritis" went to Sam Ellis, who said one of the symptoms was: "I do not want to be [at school] any day." He also won "Most Likely to Tell It Like It Is" alongside Kacey Henriques, deadpanning that the show was "awful" when asked how it was going so far.

"Most Likely to be a Farmer" winner Aidan



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Thayer joked that he was planning to grow grass as his crop, and "Class Clown" Kat Tracy said "No" when asked to tell a joke, drawing wild applause from her peers.

Hannah Powers was voted "Most Likely to Write the Next Harry Potter," and "Best Whip" went to Tanner Figuriedo and his car, 'Bertha.' "Teacher's Pet" was won by Maddie Martin, who gave a shout out to all her teachers "...For giving me good participation grades!"

After a quick intermission, Matteo Momigliano was awarded "Best Accent" as the senior class had unanimously voted him winner of the award. "Most Likely to Have Their Artwork Sell for Millions" went to Lindsey Merolla, and Cam DeMarco won "Most Likely to 'Murica,'" a playful name for being patriotic.

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Mike Fisher won "Best Candidate for the CIA," but he wasn't there to pick up his award ... or was he?

"I'm sure he's undercover," Hotte joked.

Chris Savino was "Most Likely to Burst into Song at Lunch," and Hannah Ciccatelli won "Most Likely to Trip at Graduation," commenting that she "...Didn't wear heels to the gala for a reason."

Evan Tilley was voted "Most Likely to Invent the Next iPhone," and when asked what he would improve about it, he replied, "Get an Android!"

Bennett Fox and Madison Carvalho were both named "Biggest Flirt," while "Cutest Couple that Never Was" went to Ainslee Bangs and Jahn Pothier, who shared a hug before going offstage. This year's "Best Laugh" award went to Celia Deverix, and Emily Marraffa won "Most Likely to Have an iTunes Hit."

Arissa Francis and Sam Ellis both were awarded "Best Eyes," and "Most Likely to Get the Teacher Off Topic" winner Zach Kelley said that the estimate of the cumulative amount of time he's wasted in classes was "not enough." Jack Roussell said as "Most Likely to be on a Reality TV Show" that he'd be best suited for the show *Naked and Afraid*.

"Best Bromance" was awarded to Zach Kelley and Kyle Gillis, while "Best Comebacks" went to Bryce Miedzionoski. Trevor Stopka was voted "Most Likely to Get in a Fender Bender in the Parking Lot," and Evan Tilley won "Most Likely to Change the World." Evan Costa is "Most Likely to Become President" out of the class, while Haley Dawn Amato is "Most Likely to Become a YouTube Star," and Harry Smith is "Most Likely to have an Autograph That is Worth Money Someday." Meanwhile, Jenna Aruri won "Most Likely to Win the Lottery and Lose the Ticket."

In the realm of Hollywood, Caroline Regis won "Best Celebrity Lookalike" with Natalia Dyer, who plays Nancy Wheeler on the Netflix show *Stranger Things*. Jahn Pothier was also awarded "Most Likely to be on Jeopardy," and Jack Roussell took his second award for "Most Likely to Get a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame."

What movie will he get his start in? "The Emoji

Movie 2, in theaters July 2019!" he said triumphantly, drawing laughs and cheers from his classmates.

Finally, Evan Tilley was voted "Most Likely to Succeed," which was pointed out to be true with his success in winning multiple awards that night.

OC Girls' Basketball Looks Toward Mayflower Small Title

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

With one more conference game on the schedule, Old Colony girls' basketball has one game left to win in order to win back-to-back Mayflower Small Vocational titles. Having only lost one game all season, the Cougars continue to show why they're the force within the league and have the firepower to make a run in the upcoming MIAA Tournament.

This season has seen the emergence of freshman **Savanna Halle**, who is averaging 13.7 points per game. With freshman talent, though, there's always the concern that teams will figure out the young talent once opponents come up the second time on the schedule.

That has yet to be an issue for the Cougars.

"She's one of our weapons; you can't just isolate and stop her," Old Colony coach Craig Lincoln said. "We have other weapons on the floor that if you isolate her it will allow **Abby (Cioper)** or **(Katherine) Kirby** or anyone else to go off on any given night. I think we're a more complete team than people give us credit for. And because of that, it makes it hard to just guard one person."

While Halle has been the surprise this season, the team leader continues to be Cioper, who has returned from last season's injury as effective as ever. But the senior captain does more than just lead the team with 16.2 points per game; she helps the team battle through adversity on a nightly basis.

"Her presence on the floor, being a senior that has a ton of experience, the ability to calm her teammates down when a situation gets a little bit out of control," Lincoln said, "She has this calm way about her to get the younger kids in line and do the things they need to do."

With Cioper leading the team and Halle providing consistent scoring, along with Kirby's 9.1 points a night, the Cougars have a chance to also be back-to-back Vocational Tournament Champions. With that and the MIAA Tournament not far away, the Cougars have a lot to prepare for.

But Lincoln is doing everything he can to keep his players in the moment.

"I minimize the information I give to them (about teams ahead)," Lincoln said. "We try to do it one game at a time. We talk about Bill Belichick, and obviously we're not the Patriots, but the mentality of dealing with just today. We have control of just today. We'll worry about tomorrow when we get there."

Lincoln has a general awareness of the teams

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he'll deal with at the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Tournament. He's also aware that who the Cougars play is out of his control.

"We know that's it's a tough Division 4 South schedule," Lincoln said. "We're hoping that we get a good draw and win the first round game. We'll see what happens with round two when it'll be a roll of the dice with who you get. There are definitely some more talented teams that we have to face in that tournament."

The Cougars (14-3, 6-1 Mayflower Small) visit South Shore on Friday with hopes of locking up the Mayflower Small Vocational Title.

Tabor Academy

Tabor's boys' squash team split its last dual match, defeating Phillips Exeter Academy 4-3 but falling 2-5 to St. Paul's School.

Aly Hussein continues to dominate the high school squash world, extending his two-year winning streak with a 3-0 win against St. Paul's No. 1 player, while also earning a win against Exeter's top player. **Owen Sughrue** (Marion) turned out to have the decisive win against St. Paul's No. 4 player, sweeping for a 3-0 finish.

Old Rochester Regional

Old Rochester/Fairhaven boys' hockey clinched the South Coast Conference championship with a 4-2 win over Apponequet on Saturday, in a season where ORR/Fairhaven coach Eric Labonte and his players didn't think they were the team to beat.

Tayber Labonte had two goals and an assist in the clinching game. **Zak Labonte** finished with three assists, while **Owen Powers** and **Ryan Raphael** scored the other two goals and one assist each.

Tayber Labonte continues to be one of the top players in the state and is tied for ninth in points, scoring 24 goals with 19 assists on the year. Raphael is also in the top 50 players (44th) in points with 31 (13 goals and 18 assists).

ORR/Fairhaven will begin its preparation for another MIAA Tournament run, having already qualified for the tournament and improving its record to 12-3-2 (9-0-2 SCC) after Saturday's win.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Over the past several years, Marion's Energy Management Committee has steadily worked to move our town toward clean electricity, energy conservation, and cost savings. Through these efforts, Marion is also now much closer to achieving the criteria that would qualify our town as a "Green Community" in the state's eyes. This is not just a nice title – being an official Green Community would also open doors to substantial funding for a variety of municipal improvements related to reducing our carbon footprint and saving energy dollars.

As of December 2017, 60% of Massachusetts' towns have become GCs, giving them access to over \$85 million in grants since the program began in 2010. Neighboring Acushnet, for example, became a GC in 2013. Since then, it has received \$496,000 in grant funding through the program, which they have used to update heating systems, insulation, and lighting in municipal buildings and schools. Funds can also be used to acquire energy-efficient vehicles, charging stations for electric cars, and install smart thermostats.

To become a GC, a town must satisfy five criteria. When Marion's residents approved the Municipal Solar Overlay District around the capped landfill on Benson Brook Road that allowed solar installations by right, we met the first two criteria. By acquiring four electric vehicles and charging stations for municipal use, we made progress on a third requirement: replacing energy inefficient municipal vehicles with more efficient ones. The fourth criterion is to develop a plan to reduce the town's energy use. We have made headway on this, too, by installing efficient lighting in Sippican School and approving the replacement of streetlights with LEDs. The fifth requirement is to adopt the so-called "Stretch" building code, which calls for a few additional energy-efficient building practices to be followed by new construction.

Until now Marion has been missing the boat on funding opportunities from the Green Community



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

I have 3 cats and one of them isn't using the litter box consistently. I clean the box every few days and have a covered box nicely enclosed in a closet. Is one of my cats sick?

It's amazing that your cats have put up with your litter box behavior. There should be 1 box per indoor cat so you need 2 more boxes. The boxes should be cleaned daily at the very least. Cats in general do not like covered boxes. Get rid of the cover. Cats also prefer boxes to be as out in the open as possible so they don't feel trapped going in or out. There should be 2 or 3 ways for the cat to get out of the box. In general, cats prefer clumping litter as well. Stay with one that works and don't get fooled into buying whatever is on sale.

You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at MattapoissettAH.com

program and the energy-wise improvements it would pay for. The EMC is moving forward with completing the steps necessary to make Marion green, too.

Information on the Green Communities program is available at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/becoming-a-designated-green-community>.

Jennifer Francis

Marion's Energy Management Committee

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my support of Planned Parenthood and to encourage other community members to support this important organization. Planned Parenthood is a non-profit organization that provides sexual health care in the United States and globally (www.plannedparenthood.org). Planned Parenthood provides a variety of much-needed services ranging from cancer screenings to STD testing. Currently, it is at risk of losing federal funding to provide these important services.

As a Master of Social Work student at Bridgewater State University, I feel compelled to reach out and show my support for this organization. It pains me to think of all the people who would go without necessary health services if our government votes to defund Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is the primary health provider in many rural and underserved communities. It is an inclusive organization that provides services without regard to a person's income, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Additionally, it is estimated that 1 in 5 women will rely on Planned Parenthood services at least once in their lifetime. I personally know many women who have relied on their services at various points in their lives and, if not for these services, crucial testing, checkups, and procedures would not have happened.

I encourage residents of Massachusetts to visit istandwithpp.org to learn more about this important organization. In addition to facts about Planned Parenthood services, this website debunks several myths about its services and provides suggestions for how citizens can become involved in fighting against defunding efforts. Through donations, raising awareness, and contacting legislators we can show our support for this organization. I feel it is most important for us to contact our legislators to express that we do not support the defunding of this organization. Instead, we must let our government know that we stand with Planned Parenthood. #istandwithpp

Sincerely,

Sarah Jensen, MSW Student

Bridgewater State University

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Feb 19: Presidents Day – No meals served

Tuesday, Feb 20: BBQ chicken, rice with black-eyed peas, asparagus, fruit muffin, cinnamon apples

Wednesday, Feb 21: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles,

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Thursday, Feb 22: Hot dog, mustard & relish, baked beans, spring vegetables, hot dog roll, pears

Friday, Feb 23: Shredded cheese, Spanish omelet hash browns, garlic button mushrooms, multigrain bread, applesauce

Academic Achievements

Abigail Adams of Mattapoisett was named to the **Merrimack College** Dean's List for fall 2017.

Shannon Lynch of Mattapoisett has been named to the Chancellor's List at **UMass Dartmouth** in recognition of earning a fall 2017 semester grade point

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Riley C. Johnson has been named to the President's List for the 2017 fall semester at **Elon University**. The President's List is composed of students with no grade below an A-minus in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Johnson is the son of Mr. Peter C. Johnson and Mrs. Kristin M. Johnson of Marion

The **University of Maine** recognized 2,229 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2017 semester. Abigail Nadeau of Mattapoisett and Benjamin DeMello of Rochester received Dean's List honors for fall 2017, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

ORRJHS Students of the Month


Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for January 2018:

Green Team: Anna Kippenberger & Eli MacGregor


Orange Team: Anna Dube & Marc Pothier

Purple Team: Paige Long & Brett Deschenes

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Local Grants Awarded For Mattapoisett

State Representative William M. Straus and Kathleen Damaskos, chair of the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, have announced the award of 13 grants totaling \$5,600, for cultural programs in and around Mattapoisett.

Grant recipients include Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Friends of Old Rochester Drama, and Old Hammondtown School Robotics Club. A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally-appointed volunteers. The members of the Mattapoisett Cultural Council are Benares Angeley, Anne Bedser, Gary Brown, Carole Clifford, Kathleen Damaskos, Carol Dildine, Annemarie Fredericks, and Marilou Newell.

"Our community is greatly enriched by the LCC program and especially by the artistic and educational contributions made by these grantees, and I want to thank all of the volunteers who serve on the Council for their efforts over the past year," said Representative Straus.

Statewide, more than \$3 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2018. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities: school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, and film. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever communities come together.

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This year's Mattapoisett Cultural Council grants include:

Friends of Old Rochester Drama: \$400

Steve Henderson: \$300

Mattapoisett Free Public Library: \$560

Mattapoisett Historical Society: \$700

Mattapoisett PTA (2): \$740

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center: \$150

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra: \$500

Old Colony RVTHS Drama Club: \$300

Old Hammondtown School Robotics Club: \$600

South Coast Children's Chorus: \$650

Tri-County Symphonic Band: \$200

Kirk Whipple & Marilyn Morales: \$500

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information and forms will be available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. Applications will be due in mid-October.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

Are you interested in supporting community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences in Mattapoisett? Each year, Mattapoisett Cultural Council awards funds for public cultural events such as plays and concerts, arts in the schools, community arts and cultural organizations, field trips for students to museums and performances, and more. These programs promote the availability of rich cultural experiences for Mattapoisett residents.

Council members are municipally-appointed volunteers who help determine how to disburse available funds to individuals, schools, and cultural organizations who apply for project support. Mattapoisett Cultural Council is seeking several new volunteers interested in serving as voting members to work together to allocate funding. Information about the local cultural council program is available at <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/programs/lccgrants.asp>.

If you are interested or have questions about becoming a member, please contact kcdamaskos@gmail.com. Deadline is March 10, 2018.

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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM The Buzz Around Bees
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM The Yoga Mat
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM STEM in 30
9:30 PM Off the Shelf
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM From the Files of Greater Ashland Paranormal
11:30 PM The Weakness

Friday February 16, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Around the House
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Chico and Bman
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM 100 Mile Meals
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Anna Marie's Euro Kitchen
3:30 PM Reeling the Movie Review Show
4:00 PM Reeling the Movie Review Show
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM All Things Victorian
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM The Jungle Book
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
10:00 PM Democracy Now!

11:00 PM Gay USA

Saturday February 17, 2018

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Fak'd 8 TV News
10:30 AM South Coast Matters
12:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:30 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM Benfit Concert for Puerto with The Contenders
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM The O! Melodious Show
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
8:00 PM Ready, Set, Communiante!
9:00 PM Cinemaniacs!
10:00 PM The Buzz Around Bees
10:30 PM Around the House
11:00 PM The Weakness
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Sunday February 18, 2018

7:00 AM New Testament Church of Cedarville
8:00 AM Healthcare Matters
8:30 AM Chef's Table
9:30 AM Today's Message
10:00 AM The World Fusion Show
10:30 AM Money Matters TV
11:00 AM Registers Report
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
1:00 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
2:00 PM Angel Talk
2:30 PM Ask Dog Lady
3:00 PM A Vetren Story
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4:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM St. Luke's UMC
7:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
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9:00 PM Sippican Historical Society
10:00 PM Media Edge

Monday February 19, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Spotlight on Seniors
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Chico and Bman
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?

10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Chef's Corner
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
5:00 PM All Things Victorian
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles
6:00 PM Deutsch Welles
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM The Collective Chat
7:30 PM The Buzz Around Bees
8:00 PM Mario and Dennis Show
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:30 PM Democracy Now!
10:30 PM Health Talk
11:00 PM Conversations with Dr.Don

Tuesday February 20, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Conversations with Dr.Don
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Chico and Bman
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM 100 Mile Meals
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM Films for Justice
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
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8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:30 PM Science 360
10:00 PM Democracy Now!
11:00 PM STEM in 30

Wednesday February 21, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Physician's Focus
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Chef's Table
11:30 AM The Steve Katsos Show
12:00 PM Movie

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3:00 PM Family Historian
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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion School Committee - January 10, 2018
8:00 AM Marion Police-Chief Swear In - December 28, 2017
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - January 24, 2018
10:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen - February 6, 2018
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board - February 5, 2018
12:30 PM Marion School Committee - January 10, 2018
1:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - January 24, 2017
3:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 6, 2018
4:00 PM Marion Planning Board - February 5, 2018
5:30 PM Marion Town House Sub Committee - February 12, 2018
7:00 PM Marion School Committee - January 10, 2018
8:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - January 24, 2018
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - February 6, 2018
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board - January 22, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - January 18, 2018
8:30 AM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee - January 17, 2018
10:30 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - February 5, 2018
11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 23, 2018

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1:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 8, 2018
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - February 6, 2018
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 5, 2018
4:00 PM Rochester Planning Board - January 23, 2018
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 8, 2018
6:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - February 6, 2018
7:30 PM Rochester School Committee - January 18, 2018
9:00 PM ORR District Budget Meeting - January 24, 2018
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - February 5, 2018

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs GNBVT
9:30 AM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Fairhaven
11:00 AM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Dismant-Rehoboth
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Somerset
1:30 PM ORRHS Boys Hockey vs Diman-Rehoboth
2:30 PM ORRHS AP Information Night
4:00 PM ORRHS Senior Superlatives
5:00 PM Old Colony Boys Varsity Basketball vs Diman
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Old Colony TV Episode 1
7:00 PM Old Colony Girls Varsity Basketball vs SS
8:00 PM ORRHS Ice Hockey vs SB
9:00 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Wareham
10:00 PM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Aponequet
11:00 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs GNBVT

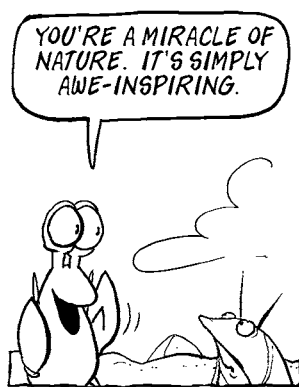
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Suddenly in Command

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If sufficient public interest is generated, the Coast Guard Auxiliary – Fairhaven Flotilla, instructor Gerald "PJ" Beaudoin will offer the class. The class will be scheduled for May with exact dates and times to be announced.

To express your interest in participating, contact harbormaster@mattapoissett.net or call 508-758-4191.

February Programs for Plumb Library

What to do at Plumb Library during the February vacation:

1. STEM programs for ages 3-8 led by the "Friend-kensteins." Pre-registration is required. You must register for each session individually.

The schedule is: Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 - 11:30 am; Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am; Thursday, February 22, 1:30 - 2:30 pm; Friday, February 23, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Visit the library's Event Calendar for

more information.

2. Build a LEGO Challenge for ages 5 and up, February 20-23. Stop by each day from 3:00 - 4:30 pm and ask for a LEGO puzzle design. Use LEGOs to fill in the design and create the puzzle, which we will package for other kids to solve. Drop-in program, no registration needed.

3. KEVA plank challenges: drop-in. Ask for the KEVA plank set.

4. Technology Petting Zoo, February 20-24. Stop by and learn about the library's technology programs. Try ABC Mouse for little ones; Tumblebooks online books and puzzles for ages 3-10; for older kids and adults, learn to use Overdrive and Libby, RB Digital for Magazines or Audiobooks, download music from Freegal, learn a new language from Transparent Language. Look up your family history with Ancestry.com (until June 30, 2018) or learn a skill with Universal Class. Find your next book with NoveList. Teens working toward their Learner's Permit can practice the test with Driving-Tests.org.

5. Borrow a MOBY backpack. Try Animal Tracks, Weather, Stargazing, or Nature Photography.

Stop by for an Afternoon with Amos featuring a "Breed All About It" story time on Wednesday, **February 21** from 12:30 - 2:00 pm during the school vacation.

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Alice (Hindle) Trantham, our Mom, joined her husband of over 70 years in Heaven on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. She was born in New Bedford on Dec 27, 1926 to William and Agnes (Sherman) Hindle. After marrying the love of her life, Sam in 1947, the young couple moved to

Acushnet where they lived in love for the rest of their 70 year marriage. Along with being a Foster Mom for many babies, Alice worked as a "Drawing in Girl" at Berkshire Hathaway.

Alice was an awesome Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great Great Grandmother and Aunt, she had many many friends from the Neighborhood, Acushnet Town Hall, Library and Senior Center, and Rochester Senior Center- too many to mention but who ALL cared for her.

Alice was a wonderful loving person and lived a wonderful long life. She was a very talented self taught sewer, knitter and quilter. She gave away most of her crafts, would never sell them and did not make to order.

Alice missed her husband very much. He came back for her 1 year + 1 day after his passing.

Survivors include her Son: Randolph J. Trantham and his wife Wanda of Acushnet; her Daughter: Betsy Pimental and her husband David of Rochester; 4 Grandchildren: James M. Trantham, Randi-Lyne Trantham, Jeremy Pimental and his wife Karla and Jayme Pimental; 12 Great Grandchildren; and 2 Great Great Grandchildren. In addition, she leaves her loving Edmonds Family - her Nieces and Nephews who were more like her own kids.

Per Alice's wishes, there are no calling hours or services. Alice would ask nothing of you except to be kind to each other.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kirby Funeral Home, 61 Tarkiln Hill Rd., New Bedford, MA 02745.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralservice.com.



Elizabeth "Beth" Murphy Dawson, 74, died unexpectedly on Saturday, February 10, 2018. She was the wife of James A. Dawson.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Bernard F. and Rita E. (Harrington) Murphy, she was a graduate of Holy Family High School and Boston

College School of Nursing. After growing up in New Bedford, she split her time between New Canaan, CT and Mattapoisett.

She was a communicant of St. Aloysius and St. Anthony's Churches.

Beth M. Dawson was a devoted, full time mother, dedicating her life to her five children and ten grandchildren.

She worked as a nurse at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and was a nursing instructor at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA. She was also a school nurse at New Canaan High School and Saxe Middle School.

Beth was a Dame of Malta, taught CCD at St. Aloysius School, and was an active member of her local school and church communities.

Survivors include her husband, James A. Dawson of New Canaan, CT and Mattapoisett; her five children, Margaret Dawson Bolster, James Bernard Dawson, Kate Dawson Ayers, M.D., Elizabeth Ann Dawson, and John Harrington Dawson; and ten grandchildren, Michael Finn Ayers, James Dawson Ayers, Jack Ambrose Dashiell Bolster, Lucy Cronin Ayers, Kayla Elizabeth Murdock Bolster, Thomas Murphy Dawson, Henry Middleton Dawson, Elizabeth Grey Dawson, Gloria Murphy Dawson, and James Edward Dawson.

Her wake was held on Monday, February 12 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 13 at St. Lawrence Church in New Bedford. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Anne M. (Roche) Mahoney, 89, of New Bedford passed away on Sunday January 28, 2018 at Our Lady's Haven. She was the wife of the late Vernon J. Mahoney.

Born in Marlboro, the daughter of the late Francis J. and Catherine A. (Ke-hoe) Roche, she lived in New Bedford for most of her life.

Anne was a graduate of Holy Family High School.

She was an avid shopper and enjoyed her summers at Crescent Beach in Mattapoisett with her family.

She is survived by two sisters, Martha Berger of New Bedford and Ellen Sylvia and her husband John of Clearwater, FL; her good friend, Betsy Beatriz; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was the mother of the late Daniel P. Mahoney, and sister of the late Caroline Robinson, Kathleen Wood, and David Roche.

Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday March 3, 2018 at 9 am at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery will be private. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals.

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younger children will need adult supervision and help with the craft. Registration preferred. Visit the Plumb Library Events Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com for more information or to register.

"Just the Facts," the Nonfiction Book Group will discuss *Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch our Nation into Space* by Margot Lee Shetterly on Thursday, **February 15** at 6:30 pm. This book explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them from their white counterparts despite their groundbreaking successes.

The Council on Aging Book Group will discuss *The Art Forger* by Barbara A. Shapiro on Tuesday, **February 20** at 10:15 am at the Council on Aging on Dexter Lane, Rochester.

An artist whose reputation has been tarnished stumbles on a piece of art that disappeared 25 years ago and agrees to forge it for a gallery owner, until she realizes that the art she is forging may itself be a forgery. Books are available at the Plumb Library.

Café Parlez will discuss *Fever* by Mary Beth Keane on Thursday, **February 22** at 6:30 pm. This book presents a fictionalized account of the life of Typhoid Mary, an Irish immigrant who moved to New York at the turn of the century and became a successful cook, until the Department of Health noticed the trail of disease she left behind.

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Registration and classes will begin on Wednesday, **February 28** at 7:00 pm.

This course is directed to the first-time boater and as a great review for the more experienced boater. Subjects to be covered include "Which Boat is for You," "Equipment for Your Boat," "Trailer Your Boat," "Handling Your Boat," "Your Highway Signs," and "The Rules You Must Follow." There is a minimal fee of \$40 for

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Theodore C. Pedersen, beloved husband of Ethel (Andrews) Pedersen for 75 years, died peacefully in Bristol, RI on February 10, 2018. His death followed the February 4th celebration of his 99th birthday, for which he was surrounded by his entire family who loved him very much.

Born in Skudesnes, Norway to the late Gunnar and Inger Serine Pedersen, Ted came to New York as a boy of 11, then moved to New Bedford, and later to Mattapoisett, where he lived for the last 40 years. He was a captain or mate on several F/V, mostly the scalloper Fairhaven.

He was the father of three children; the late Theodore C. Pedersen, Jr., Jonathan Pedersen, and Barbara Allen (Stan Wilbur). He was "Dad" to Janice and Paul Mandeville. "Pumpa" is also survived by his six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Anna S. Arnold.

A recipient of a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Ted served his country in Europe during WWII, including at the Battle of the Bulge, as a member of the 99th Infantry Battalion. In 1945 he was sent to Norway for the celebratory return of exiled King Haakon VII. The Norwegian government presented a commendation for his service in a 2011 ceremony held at their U.S. embassy in Washington, DC.

Ted loved his family, sailing in Mattapoisett Harbor, solving crossword puzzles, and spending winters in Boca Raton, Florida.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors for Mr. Pedersen will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11am in Pine Grove Cemetery in New Bedford. All arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Donaghy-Hathaway Funeral Home, 465 County Street, New Bedford. To light a memorial candle, sign guest book, cemetery directions go to www.hathawayfunerals.com or call 508 992-5486.



PFC W. Becket Kiernan, USMC, 18, of Falmouth, formerly of Rochester, died on Monday, February 5, 2018, of Necrotizing Fasciitis at Desert Regional Memorial Hospital, in Palms Springs, CA.

Born in Wareham, he was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School where he was an Honors and AP Student. Since he was 10 years old, Becket always dreamed of being a United States Marine. He embodied those values of honor, courage, and commitment and it led him to become a Young Marine. He dedicated seven years where his selflessness, generosity, loyalty and character saw him achieve the rank of SgtMaj of the New England Regiment. This esteemed rank among many, made him the stepping stone where others wanted to emulate. As a leader in the Young Marines, he was awarded (3) Unit Young Marine of the Year, (1) Battalion Young Marine of the Year, the Young Marine Achievement Award, a Marine Corps League Commendation, and a Personal Commendation Award from the National Executive Director of the Young Marines Program.

A unique, kindred soul, Becket was very funny and enjoyed playing practical jokes on his friends and family. He was always humble and kind, putting others before himself. He was an avid reader in military history and a brilliant writer at such a young age. He had an amazing smile and contagious laugh that made everyone around him better. He will be greatly missed.

Becket is survived by his mother, Lynda Kiernan and two sisters, Maegan and Mallory.

His visitation will be held on Thursday February 15th from 2-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. His Funeral Mass will be held on Friday February 16th at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Burial with full military honors will follow at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

course materials.

For more information, contact Warren Washburn after 6:00 pm at 508-789-3680.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The February luncheon meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club is on **February 15** at 11:00 am at Reynard Hall in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Our guest speaker is Elizabeth Leidhold, Director of Marion Natural History Museum. She will talk on vernal pools and both salt and fresh water wetlands, so important to our environment. The Marion Natural History Society has provided natural history programs for the area since the Museum was first opened in 1872 and continues to do so to this day. The museum acts as a field trip resource for schools, hosting after-school nature programs and evening programs for adults and families.

We are pleased to welcome people who are interested in this month's program or would like to become a member of our friendly group of members. For more information, please see our new website, www.mattapoisettwomansclub.org, or contact Christine Voss.

A Saildrone for Science: Probing Alaskan Ocean Waters

Join Heather McRae Tabisola for an evening lecture on **February 20** at 6:30 pm for the next Science@Work Lecture Series at Tabor Academy as she shares



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information about the testing of an innovative research tool in the Arctic to advance ocean observation: the Saildrone. Learn more about the innovative technology of unmanned surface vehicles and how they are advancing ocean observations. The lecture is free and open to the public at Tabor Academy, 232 Front Street, Marion, in the Stroud Academic Center's Lyndon South Auditorium.

A 2001 graduate of Tabor Academy, Tabisola is a Research Coordinator with the University of Washington's Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Oceans, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Cooperative Institute, in Seattle, WA. Tabisola works at the interface between the research and engineering communities, to connect people and develop new tools to explore and monitor our oceans

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 4-Feb 10

- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – Burglar alarm
- Job's Cove Rd – EMS/medical
- Job's Cove Rd – Health/welfare
- Hartley Ln – Health/welfare
- Kendrick Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- Joanne Dr – MV collision
- Hastings Rd – Animal complaint
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Rocky Knook Ln – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Hermitage Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – General offense
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Lost property
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Wareham Rd – General offense

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 4-Feb 10

- Beech Tree Ln – Burglar alarm
- Pine St – General service
- Alderberry Ln – Ambulance request
- Pine St – General service
- Pine St – Officer wanted
- Brant Beach Ave – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Depot St – Animal control
- Crystal Spring Rd – Animal control
- Harbor HB Rd – Unwanted person
- Upland Way – General service
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Acushnet Rd – Restraining order service
- Pico Beach Rd – MV general
- County Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Harbor HB Rd – Health/welfare
- Martha's Way – General service
- Tupola Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Park St – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Seabreeze Ln – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- I195 East – MV crash
- I195 West – MV crash

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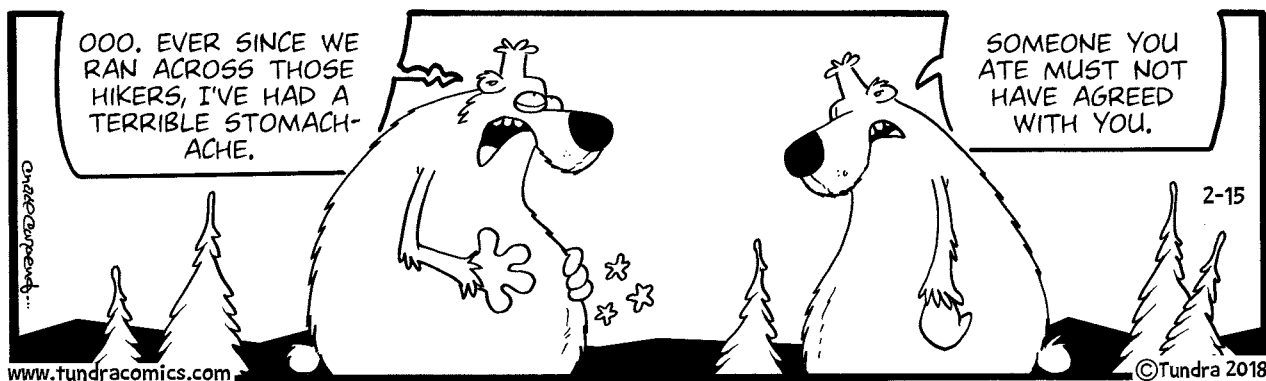
Log highlights Feb 4-Feb 10

- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Clapp Rd – Ambulance request
- Rounseville Rd – Ambulance request
- Snipatuit Rd – Officer wanted
- High St – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – Information only
- Bates Rd – Erratic operation
- Bates Rd – Investigation
- Pierce St – Ambulance request
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Burgess Ave – Ambulance request
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Alley Rd – Health/welfare
- Bradford Ln – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Complaint
- Pine St – Animal control
- Mary's Pond Rd – Ambulance request
- Snows Pond Rd – Officer wanted
- Springwood Dr – Ambulance request
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Ambulance request
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Elizabeth Dr – Burglar alarm
- Constitution Way – Ambulance request
- Taber Ln – Assist citizen
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV accident
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Clapp Rd – Disturbance

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

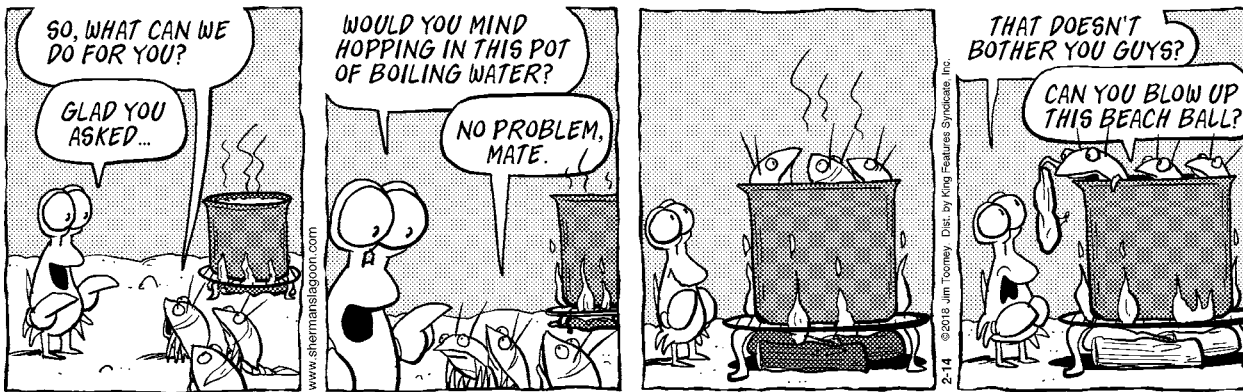
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in extreme conditions. Her current projects focus on mobile autonomous vehicles for Arctic research and long-term fisheries oceanography studies in Alaska. She



has travelled the world in her work experiences, and still spends a small time of her work at sea. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire.

Tabisola will tell us about the autonomous platforms her group at NOAA is now using, created by Saildrone, Inc. Saildrone's unmanned surface vehicles are outfitted with over 40 meteorological and oceanographic research sensors, integrated in a development cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Washington. The drones, 23-foot-long sailboats, meander the seas between the U.S. and Russia to track ice melt, measure the ocean's levels of carbon dioxide, and count fish, seal, and whale populations without a single human being on board. The wind and solar-powered research vehicles are able to travel thousands of miles across the ocean, reaching some areas never before surveyed with such specialized technology.

Join the Tabor community on February 20 for this free lecture at Tabor Academy to learn more about this innovative technology and how it is advancing ocean observations at 232 Front Street, Marion, in the Stroud Academic Center's Lyndon South Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

Tour de Crème Bicycle Event is Back

Is your bike gathering dust in your garage, shed or basement during these long winter months? Well, dust it off, tune it up, and get ready for bike riding and ice cream, all in one great family-oriented event.

The 3rd annual Tour de Crème will take place on Sunday, **May 20**. Organized by the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, the "Tour" raises money for two important projects: maintaining Land Trust walking trails and extending the bike path to the Mattapoisett/Marion town line.

There are four different ride lengths from which to choose – 11, 19, 25 and 50 miles – and up to five ice cream stops along the way. Along each route, riders can stop at sponsoring ice cream shops that will be providing free ice cream for Tour riders.

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On February 12, the Marion COA hosted a talk all about chocolate. Victoria Kichuk of Cocoa Beantown discussed how and where cocoa is grown and manufactured and the varieties available, and displayed a sample of a large cocoa pod. Photos by Marilou Newell



On February 8, Sippican School family outreach program ANCHOR hosted its first "OR Celebrates Family Night" at the school to feature the diversity and uniqueness of Old Rochester students and their families. Photos by Deina Zartman



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

and end at the harbor in Mattapoisett, where there will be free massages, live music, hot food, cold beverages ... and more ice cream!

Each year the Tour has sold out quickly, as the event can only accommodate 300 riders. This year we have a special incentive: Raise \$100 on the Tour de Crème Crowdrise online site by March 15 and automatically be guaranteed a spot for the ride you choose. An easy ask of 10 friends/ family members for \$10 each will guarantee you a great day of bike riding and ice cream! (You'll still have to register for the event). And if you raise more \$\$\$, the Tour website has an impressive list of perks, such as bike lights, lobster rolls, bike jerseys and more.

Registration will begin online on March 15. Visit www.tourdecreme.org for all the information you need, including tour maps.

Below is the info you'll need to combine biking, ice cream and raising money for two important community projects. May 20 will be here before you know it!

- Tourdecreme.org (additional information on rides, maps, times, prizes, etc.)
- Tour de Crème Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tourdecreme/>
- Crowdrise fundraising site: <https://www.crowdrise.com/tourdecreme2018>



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The ORR 'super' stars were out on February 7 for the annual ORR Senior Superlatives Gala. The "Best..." and "Most Likely to..." seniors were celebrated that night, while students also mourned last week's loss of ORR 2017 grad Becket Kiernan, last year's winner of "Best Laugh" and "Unsung Hero," who passed away in a California hospital just weeks after finishing his basic training for the Marines. Photos taken by Lynette Lord



L-R: Michael Leavens, Michael Sivvianakis, and Christian Hotte



Ainslee Bangs and Jahn Pothier were named "Cutest Couple that Never Was"



Chris Savino and Elle Gendreau were crowned "Drama King and Queen."



Madison Carvalho and Bennett Fox were both named "Biggest Flirt"



L-R: Madeline Scheub, Samantha Ball, Maddie Martin, and Caroline Murphy



Kacey Henriques and Sam Ellis won "Most Likely to Tell It Like It Is"

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

ORR High School Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the second term at Old Rochester Regional High School:

Highest Honors, Grade 9: Taylor Amaral, Novalye Arruda, Alexander Craig, Rachael Fantoni, Lindsay Holick, Isabelle Kelly, Brianna Machado, Rebecca Milde, Evan O'Brien-Nichols, Brian Palker, Daphne Poirier, Paige Sommers, Jessica Vance, Sophie Vigeant, Emma Vivino, Elizabeth Wiggin, Emma Williamson;
Grade 10: Meghan Berg, Tova Brickley, Reed Fleming, Lilah Gendreau, Jamal Gomes, Olivia Guillotte, Audrey Knox, Stephen Marston, Ian McCann, Alexa McLeod, Elise Mello, Alexandra Moniz, Alexandra Old, Allison Paim, Rachel Perry, Mackenzie Riley, Victoria Sullivan;
Grade 11: Julia Cabral, Sydney Green, Rosemary Loer, Samantha Nicolosi, Harrison Riley, **Grade 12:** Ainslee Bangs, Collin Fitzpatrick, Alexandra Hulsebosch, Maxine Kellum, Hannah McMorro, Lindsey Merolla, Andrew Miller, Sam Pasquill, Jahn Pothier, Abigail Stark, Evan Tilley.

High Honors, Grade 9: Emma Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Kaitlyn Dawicki, Carly Drew, Katherine Dwyer, Rachel Foye, Meghan Horan, Molly Janicki, Katelyn Luong, Colin Mackin, Aidan McLaughlin, Serena O'onnell, Faith Oliver, Jonathan Pereira, Bessie Pierre, Kennedy Serpa, Kaylan Setler, Kathleen Tenerowicz, Mason Tucker, Tyler Wadman, Lucy Zhang; **Grade 10:** Cole Ashley, Mary Butler, April Choquette, Dante Cusolito, Emma Gabriel, Noah Maxwell, Rebecca Pacheco, Alyssa Quaintance, Amanda Rapoza, Janey Rego, Sofia Sudofsky; **Grade 11:** Marc Bourgeois, John Burke, Sara Campopiano, Ian Friedrichs, Pavanne Gleiman, Genevieve Grignetti, Alex Henrie, Hanbyul Kang, Holden King, Abigail Lacock, Lauren Pina, Brett Rood; **Grade 12:** Austin Alexander, Samantha Ball, Erin Burke, Gabrielle Choquette, Ava Ciffolillo, Abigail Dyson, Maggie Farrell, Mackenzie Good, Hanil Kang, Allison Kvilhaug, Elizabeth Mitchell, Madeline Scheub, Caitlin Stopka, Aidan Thayer, Courtney Vance.

Honors, Grade 9: Stephen Arne, Claire Barry, Margaret Berry, Alexia Blais, Curtis Briggs, Shelby Carmichael, Isabella Carrillo, Steven Carvalho Jr, Alyssa Clancy, Mia Costa, Andrew Coucci, Jillian Craig, Cole Dennison, Brielle Ducharme, Joseph Dumas, Sydney Feeney, Reign Fernandes, Tucker Figueiredo, Bianca Frazier, Prosser Friedman, Maeve Geraghty, Emily Graham, Stefan Hulsebosch, Mia Hurley, Jacob Jensen, Tyler Karo, Colin Kulak, Jhett Labonte, Sean Lally, Jillian Langlais, Maya Lannan, Sierra Lanzoni, Madisyn Leavitt, Payton Lord, Duncan MacGregor, Eva Angeline McCann, Grace McCarthy, Abigail McFadyen, Aidan Milton, Bethany Morgan, Marco Musto, Christian Noble Shriver, Samuel Noblet, David Oliver, Jacob Ouellette, Caroline Owens, Camille Parker, Kailee Rodrigues, Aidan Root, Teagan Shay, Reily Veilleux, Kayli Vieira, Samantha Winters, Alexander Wright, Cassidy Yeomans, Paige Zutaut; **Grade 10:** Colby Alves, Jacqueline Barrett,

Sarah Besancon, Gabrielle Bold, Jonathan Borsari, Luke Brogioli, Bethany Cabral, Charlotte Cole, Lucas Costa, Thomas Coucci II, Luke Couto, Stephen Feeney, Taylor Gardner, Jack Gerard, Madison Guinen, Ruth Harris, Jillian Higgins, Meg Hughes, Gabriel Jacobsen, Nicholas Johnson, Zoe Kelley, Paul Kippenberger III, Chloe Lanagan, Brianna Lynch, Kate Marsden, Meghan McCullough, Ella McIntire, Aidan Michaud, Gwendolyn Miedema, Luke Mullen, Natalie Nilson, Danielle Nutter, Ruby Pasquill, Elyse Pellegrino, Cecilia Prefontaine, Benjamin Ritchie, Erin Scott, Joseph Sheridan, Alexi Smead, Hannah Stallings, Aiden Tremblay, Hadley Walsh, Emily Wilson, Kyah Woodland; **Grade 11:** Maggie Arruda, Samuel Austin, Danya Bichsel, Zoe Bilodeau, Emma Blouin, Nickolas Borsari, Lea Bourgeois, Marisa Cofone, Brielle Correia, Alexandra Fluegel, Adrian Gleasure, Chandler Goulart, Lily Govoni, Daniel Hartley, Madeline Hartley, Abigail Horan, Amelia Isabelle, Roderick Kavanagh, Kaitlin Kelley, Tyler Kulak, Victoria Kvilhaug, Nolan LaRochelle, Grace Mastroianni, Michaela Mattson, Avery O'Brien-Nichols, Carly O'Connell, Kevin Ovan, Elsie Perry, Lily Poirier, Delaney Pothier, Owen Powers, Maria Ramsay, Meghan Rebello, Robert Ross, Sophia Schiappa, Megan Shay, Alexandria Sheehan, Geneva Smith, Ashley Soares, Sarah Sollauer, Michael Stack, Gates Tenerowicz, Nicholas Thayer, Julius Wagoner, Madison Welter, Natalia Wierzbicki, Raymond Williams, Alexander Wurl, Lauren Ziino; **Grade 12:** Haley Dawn Amato, Gheorghita Battaglia, Emily Bock, Kristian Bodin, Colin Bourgeois, Thomas Browning, Isabelle Choquette, Madison Cooney, Alexa Costa, Evan Costa, Jacob DeMaggio, Carly Demanche, Rachel Demmer, Stephanie Dondyk, Megan Field, Bennett Fox, Alexandria Gerard, Riley Goulet, Sophie Gurney, Kacey Henriques, Sophie Hubbard, Marina Ingham, Sophie Johnson, Caitlyn Kutash, Warren Leavens, Alexander Lorenz, Kathryn MacLean, Joshua Marcial, Madisen Martin, Kyle Maxim, Julia Melloni, Tyler Menard, Ethan Moniz, Zechariah Mooney, David Nadeau, Elise Parker, Hannah Powers, Leah Przybyszewski, Victoria Quinlan, Jamie Roznoy, Benjamin Snow, Grace Stephens, Erin Stoeckle, Sara Sturtevant, Jake Thompson, Ella Vercellone, Ashleigh



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MOVIE REVIEW

Out of Order

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Roman J. Israel, Esq. Starring Denzel Washington and Colin Farrell. Directed by Dan Gilroy. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on home video.

Public payphones have faded from the national landscape to such a degree that it brings us up short when we're reminded they still exist. The titular hero of *Roman J. Israel, Esq.* (Denzel Washington) is a walking anachronism — he seems to exist in several different decades other than this one. His fro, his mashing up an iPod with nerdily large earphones, his very soul and rhetoric speak of a man who refuses to be tied down to anything so fleeting as *time*. He'll plant his own roots on his own land. So in one scene you'll see Roman checking several payphones for change, and in another there'll be a reference to Uber. Like its namesake, *Roman* is ambitious and wonky and all over the place.

It's a vibe that owes a lot to the seventies, to whose gritty, inward-directed aesthetic the writer-director, Dan Gilroy, genuflects in this movie and his previous *Nightcrawler*. You can say a lot about these movies, but you can't say they're safe or stale. Actors like Washington or Jake Gyllenhaal rove through Gilroy's tales, white-hot and solipsistic. Washington's Roman doesn't really seem able to relate to whoever's in front of him. He's an idealist in the general sense, and he has a radical streak, but it's wedded to his identity as an in-the-rear-with-the-gear lawyer — not a trial lawyer — with a possibly neuroatypical facility for recalling legal data. In his head, he's a moral crusader, but in reality he's just been dotting the i's and crossing the t's for a failing, even corrupt, two-person law firm. Then the other person dies, and Roman's story begins.

Roman's firm and cases are subsumed into a larger firm headed by slickster George Pierce (Colin Farrell), Roman's partner's former student. In truth, Pierce has a more gratifying character arc than Roman does, or maybe a more movie-ish one. Pierce seems to exist in a more hopeful reality capable of redemption, a



reality that Roman thought he lived in for decades and now rejects. *Roman J. Israel, Esq.* turns out to be about nothing less than a man's mind breaking a bit when confronted with its own possible irrelevance, his values akilter, his moral compass magnetized into chaos. He loses himself, indulges in childish appetites.

Washington has been doing some hard work in the realm of idiosyncrasy lately, and in this movie he finds a kind of lyricism in a complex computer who stops computing. In opposition to the slicker but morally chaotic Roman we have Pierce, who gathers layers of compassion — he's been looking for a Don Quixote to replace what his teacher once was to him, and almost seems to see Roman as a father figure. That's obvious from the way Pierce responds to a breach of protocol on Roman's part that may have cost a young client his life. Instead of firing him, Pierce comes to see Roman's virtues and actually restructures his firm to reflect what he thinks Roman's values are. Or were.

A motif through all of this is the major brick-like thing Roman has been toiling on for years, the legal brief that calls out the entire system itself. With help from a Farrell performance that starts icy but warms up, Pierce seems poised to help Roman carry the weight. The movie ends up saying that ideals will survive the cracked human containers who cart them around. On a thematic level, this resounds and makes intellectual sense to us. On a basic plot level, it seems pointlessly downbeat, even nihilistic. The movie seems to be in conflict with itself, in harmony with its hero. Like many of those '70s films cherished by film nerds, *Roman* is more beautiful for its flaws; it's cantankerous and possibly insufferable and the sort of shot in the dark that grows in memory.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Because of the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed. The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office). Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture. This installment features 34 Hermitage Road.

The house at 34 Hermitage Road is situated where the main Sippican Native Americans resided under the leadership of Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag tribe. Nearby, at



Minister's Rock, was the first settlement in Marion (then called Sippican), established when 29 families of Pilgrims left Plymouth in 1678. This Cape Cod cottage dates from the mid-late 18th century and may be that of Walter Turner, who is shown on the 1855 Marion map. By the late 19th century, George Delano owned this house. By 1903, it was owned by C.L. Delano. George Delano named this property 'The Hermitage.' During the first visit of President and Mrs. Cleveland to Marion in 1887, George Delano offered the First Family the use of his beach

because of its privacy and splendid views of Sippican Harbor.

Rochester Council on Aging February Events

On Thursday, **February 15**, we will have a Podiatrist Visit from Dr. Sarah Desrosiers. Returning patients will be called with reminders of appointment times; new patients need to call 508-946-1444 to schedule an appointment.

Bon Jour! Conversational French I and II will be held on Friday, **February 16** from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

On Monday, **February 19**, the Rochester Council on Aging will be closed for the Presidents' Day Holiday

On Tuesday, **February 20**, the Senior Book Club meets at 10:15 am.

On Wednesday, **February 21**, tax appointments will be held from 9:00 am - noon; the free blood pressure clinic is scheduled for 10:00 am.

Ye Olde Breakfast Shoppe welcomes town residents of all ages to drop in for breakfast from 7:00 - 9:00 am weekdays. It offers a varied menu, weekly specials and reasonable prices, as well as a bottomless cup of coffee!! Sponsored by FRIENDS of Rochester Senior Center and the Rochester Lions Club. Closed weekends, holidays, and snow days.

Volunteers Needed: The Senior Center welcomes all extra hands to volunteer with a myriad of tasks. Please consider volunteering if you have extra time and are looking for something rewarding to fill your time.

Be Well Wareham

Southcoast Health, the Gleason Family YMCA and Voices for a Healthy Southcoast are collaborating to present, "Be Well Wareham," a wellness initiative that provides free programs for area residents, on Saturday, **February 24** at 9:00 am at the Gleason Family YMCA, 33 Charge Pond Road, in Wareham.

The program features a wellness walk with Southcoast Health cardiologist Dr. Ashwini Sahni followed by a free yoga class with Rhonda May and nutrition seminar with Ayla Caranan. Participants will receive free health kits that include information on

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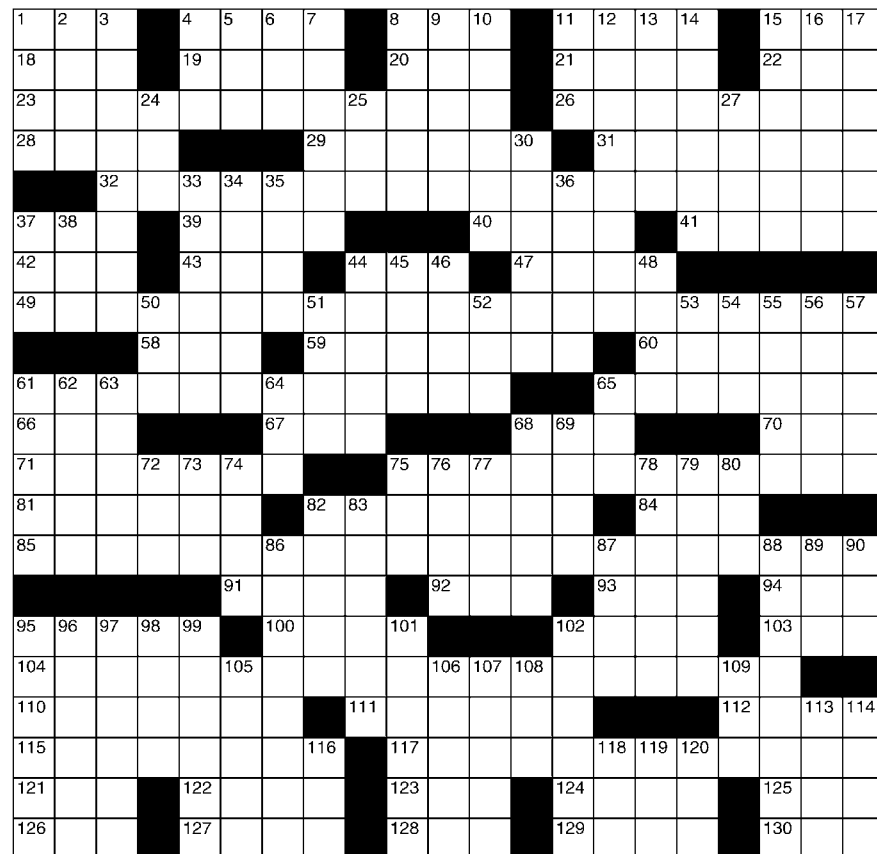
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110 Intercept and turn aside
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2 Island of Hawaii
3 Detached, musically
4 Jiffy
5 Ace
6 Aussie bird
7 Hardened skin area
8 Fit for a king
9 Straight as —
10 Nerdy sort
11 Big name in pkg. shipping
12 Get stewed
13 PC-sent greeting
14 Deli meat
15 "Blasted!"
16 Big name in swimsuits
17 Not to such a degree
24 Tetley option
25 "True —!"
27 Santa — (hot winds)
30 All the world, per the Bard
33 Actress Metcalf
34 One-dimensional
35 Body part above eyes
36 One of the Musketeers
37 X6 and Z4 carmaker
38 Pep rally cry
44 Doldrums
45 Any of the Joads, e.g.
46 Female kid
48 Old despot of Russia
50 Cry in Berlin
51 Tallies
52 Bite playfully
53 General —'s chicken
54 "There — tide ..."
55 Abate
56 Event with evidence
57 Gawk
61 Pilot and Fit carmaker
62 "— a nap!"
63 Pianist Glenn
64 History unit
65 Fishcake fish
68 Actor Murphy
69 Main point
72 Oil byproduct
73 Bread or booze
74 — buco
75 With 94-Across, donkey noise
76 Sun, moon and star
77 Cablegram
78 Jewish Passover
79 Surround with a saintly ring
80 Caveman Alley
82 Functional
83 Turtle covers
86 Makes natty
87 "— Rock" (1966 hit)
88 "Heavens!"
89 Liquid filling la mer
90 A couple
95 For some time
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101 Ski race
102 "Some Like It Hot" actress
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106 Massey of "Rosalie"
107 "Never ever!"
108 Common site for a 7-Down
109 Set (down)
113 Tilling tools
114 Flip one's lid
116 First-aid ace
118 History unit
119 — Moines
120 Male kid



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There'll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don't wind up tackling tasks that are better left to others.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It's also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love nature and inspire others to follow your example of concern for the planet's well-being.

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nutrition and exercise. All ages and levels of walking ability are welcome.

"Be Well Wareham" holds monthly walks, yoga, nutrition and other wellness programs on the fourth Saturday of each month (third Saturday in November and December to avoid holidays) at the Gleason Family YMCA. The committee organizing the programs includes Southcoast Health's Dr. Sahni; Dr. Robert McGowan; and Jody Reeves, NP; as well as Debra Fringuelli, Director of the Gleason Family YMCA; Kerry Mello, Co-Chair of Voices for a Healthy Southcoast; and Andrea Larocque of the American Heart Association. Other community partners are welcome to join the group.

All programs are free and no registration is necessary. For more information, contact Rachel Davis at davisra@southcoast.org or call 508-973-5212. Also, visit www.southcoast.org/events for a full list of upcoming events from Southcoast Health.

NBSO To Hold Auditions

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO) will be holding auditions for two positions in the first violin section at the New England Conservatory of Music, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on Friday, **March 30** from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. In order to apply to audition, please send your current resume to Elisa Birdseye, Personnel Manager, at ebirdseye@earthlink.net. Resumes will be accepted until March 1. Successful candidates will be contacted to schedule an audition shortly thereafter.

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is a fully professional symphony orchestra that performs with internationally renowned guest artists, annually presenting a 7-concert series of classical and pops music and a 4-concert chamber music series, as well as providing nationally recognized educational programs for the children of South Coast. The Music Director of the NBSO is Yaniv Dinur, who also serves as the Associate Conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. All rehearsals and performances are held in New Bedford, MA. For more information, including audition repertoire, please visit the website, www.nbsymphony.org.

Cushing Cemetery

Cushing Cemetery will be holding a spring cleanup in early April. The superintendent is advising everyone to remove all Christmas decorations, wreaths, boxes, etc. before April 1, 2018. When he starts the cleanup, anything not removed will go to the landfill. Your help will be most appreciated.

First Congregational Church of Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion is pleased to welcome The Rev. MaryAnn Purtill as our new Designated-Term Pastor effective February 4. She is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, MA and previously served as an Associate



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Pastor of the Marlborough Congregational Church in Connecticut.

Rev. MaryAnn is originally from Flanders, New York, on the East End of Long Island, a community not unlike Marion. She moved to Connecticut in 1984 after marrying, raised her son there, and co-owned a small business.

MaryAnn became very involved in the Congregational Church in Connecticut, was a church administrator and progressed to active lay leadership. This led to a three-week adult mission program to Malawi, Africa to work at St. Mary's Orphanage, which her church had been supporting. There, working with the orphans, she recognized a greater need to work for God. Upon her return, she completed a six-month chaplaincy program at Hartford Hospital, where she discerned her call to ministry.

A local pastor recommended that she apply to a special program at Andover Newton Theological



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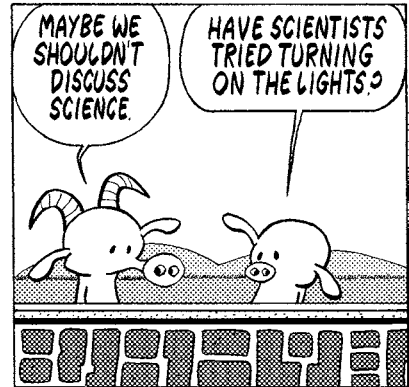
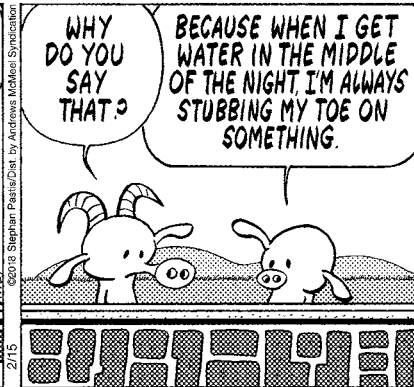
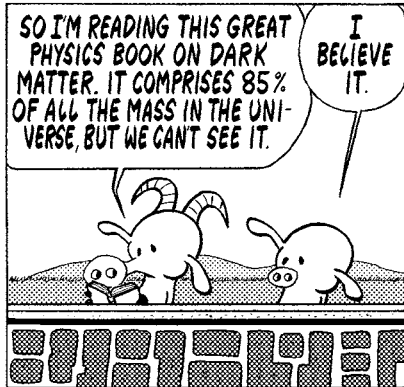
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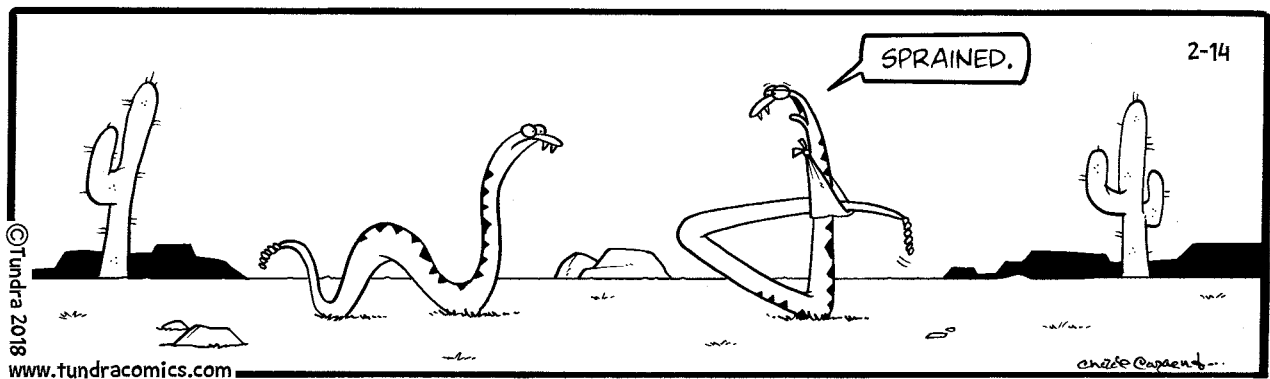
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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will reopen a public hearing previously closed on February 14, 2017. The reopened hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room regarding a Major Modification for a Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Site Plan Approval application received from CLEAN ENERGY COLLECTIVE, LLC, 146 West Boylston Drive, Worcester, MA 01606 for property now located at 248 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 4, portion of Lot 1, Lots 1A and 7. The property owner is Donald F. and Eunice W. Jenkins Estate (Lot 1) and Michael R. and Johann Forand (Lots 1A and 7), 268 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The proposed project is for the construction of a Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation.</p> <p>The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/8, 2/15</p> <p>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination (File No. 41D-1672) submitted by THE ESTATE OF MARIE L. AHEARN to upgrade the septic system with a conforming Title 5 system at 534A Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 39C on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Cynthia Callow, Chairman 2/15</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for a Notice of Intent submitted by SOUTHEASTERN BUILDING CORP., 713 Mill Street, Marion, MA 02738. The proposed project is to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, sanitary system, utilities and associated grading. Portions of the work occur within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The project is located at Appaloosa Lane and is further identified as Lot 87-A on Assessor Map 21. 2/15</p>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by JENNIFER SCHLITZER, 53 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 9, Lot 176. The applicant proposes to construct a porch addition to an existing single family dwelling located within a mapped FEMA Flood Zone AE (EL. 16). 2/15</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Marion Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion to review and consider options for the MARION TOWN OFFICES. Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman 2/15, 2/22</p>

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
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by Chad Carpenter



Seminary. MaryAnn summoned up the courage to step out in faith, submitted an application based on her life experience and was accepted. While she was in seminary, she was a Student Intern with the Windsor Congregational Church, a chaplain with Hartford Hospital, and Director of Christian Education with the St. James Episcopal Church in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

After four years at Andover Newton, she sought ordination. She joined the Marlborough Congregational Church in Connecticut, where she served as an Associate Pastor. She also became a staff chaplain with The Masonic Health Center. Her five years at the Health Center taught her the benefits and joys of ministering to the elderly and cognitively impaired.

Mission and service are at the heart of Rev. MaryAnn's ministry. She feels that anytime we care for one another, we are preaching the gospel of Christ.

Rev. MaryAnn is very happy to be in Marion. She looks forward to meeting and getting to know its people and enjoys the comfort that a small town like Marion offers. Her characterization of The First Congregational Church of Marion is that it is "a church with a big heart and a lot of hope. Any challenges the church has faced matches my skills, abilities and my own need for spiritual growth."

Feel free to email Rev. MaryAnn Purtill at pastor@marionfirstchurch.org, call the church office at 508-748-1053, or stop by the Community Center and say Hi.

The First Congregational Church of Marion is located at 28 Main Street, Marion, MA 02738. Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School are at 10:00 am. The sanctuary is handicap accessible with an elevator. The church office is in the Community Center, 144 Front Street, at the rear of the parking lot.

Tabor to Host New England Wrestling Championship

Tabor Academy is honored and excited to host the 71st annual New England Independent School Wrestling Championship. On Friday, **February 16** and Saturday, **February 17** approximately 280 wrestlers, representing fifty New England independent schools, will compete for All New England status and a chance to qualify for the Prep National Tournament held annually at Lehigh University in PA.

Hosting this prestigious New England Tournament for the second time, the Tabor wrestling program is experienced in competing for the championship – holding four team titles and crowning 36 individual champions. Wrestling begins on Friday at 5:00 pm and continues on Saturday at 9:00 am. We wrestling fans will join the throng at Tabor, mat-side in the Fish Center for Health and Athletics, 256 Front Street, Marion.

Marion Recreation Department CPR Training

The Marion Recreation Department will be

offering two CPR Training Courses to the public on Saturday, **March 24** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and on Saturday, **April 21** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$75. Space is limited. Registration ends Monday, March 19 for the March course and Monday, April 16 for the April course. To register, please contact the Marion Recreation Department at JDickerson@marionma.gov.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee caucus to elect convention delegates to the 2018 Democratic State Convention will take place on Saturday, **February 24** at 10:15 am at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats or preregistered Democrats (those who will be 18 by September 18, 2018) who live in Mattapoisett. The convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. For more information, email sarahw@mattdems.org.

Marion Natural History Museum

Not travelling during February vacation? No problem. The Marion Natural History Museum will take you to climb Mt. Everest ... or to the bottom of the ocean to visit a whale ... or how about a spacewalk or trip to visit Mars. Come visit the museum during our extended open hours (11:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday) during vacation week and experience our new virtual reality set. Five free visits for museum members or \$5/ 15 minute visit for nonmembers. Please sign up to reserve your time by visiting the sign up sheet at the museum. There will also be a sign up sheet on the museum's door for those who cannot make it in to register during our open hours.

MAC Dance Academy

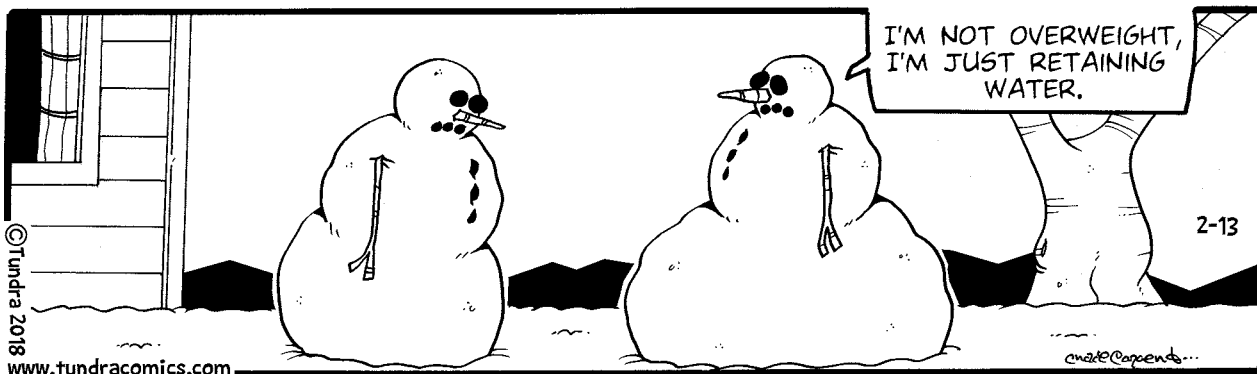
The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce that Miss Teah Keogh has returned as Director and Instructor of MAC Dance Academy and is now registering children ages 3-6 for a spring 2018 session of classes. Classes are being offered on Mondays starting on March 12 and will run a total of 8 weeks (but no classes will be held during school vacation week) with a Parent Watch Day scheduled in May. Three different levels of classes teaching introductory skills in ballet, tap and light tumbling are offered and geared toward different age groups including (1) Preschool: for those 3-4 years of age; (2) KinderStep: for those 4-5 years of age; and (3) Beginner: for those 5-6 years of age.

Shelly Richins, President of the Board of Directors at the Marion Art Center, commented, "Teah developed such a following and coveted program here years ago. We feel so fortunate to have her return." She continued, "And this spring session is a precursor of plans to roll out

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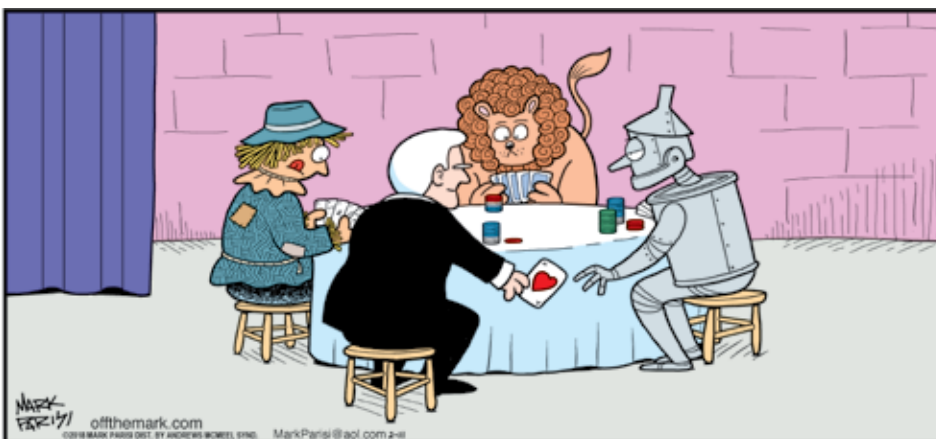
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a bigger program during the next school year, so we are excited about the potential for growth and offering more to our local community."

Registration is now available online at <http://www.marionartcenter.org/classes/mac-dance-academy/>. Although membership is not required to take dance classes, Marion Art Center members who have family membership or higher do receive a discount on classes. The current membership year runs August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018.

Teah Keogh is a classically taught dancer in the genres of ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and gymnastics. She previously taught second grade for eight years and ESL for two years in the Old Rochester Regional school district and also coached the ORR Dance Team for two years. Teah ran MAC Dance Academy for five years before moving to Denver and has just recently returned to the Tri-Town area.

MAC Dance Academy is a low-key academy providing extraordinary dance instruction in the areas of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and gymnastics in a safe learning environment. For more information about MAC Dance Academy, call 508-748-1266, email marionartcenter@verizon.net, or stop by the Marion Art Center located at 80 Pleasant Street (corner of Main and Pleasant) during gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information about the Marion Art Center,



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Collection boxes can be found in both the children's department and the upstairs reading room, or pjs can be given to any staff member. Staff from the Department of Children and Families along with Cradles to Crayons will distribute the pajamas to youth in their care throughout the Commonwealth.

When shopping this month, please look for cozy pajamas to share with children. Anyone is welcome to participate.

The NBSO Is "Puttin' on the Ritz"

Save the date for this year's razzle dazzle Symphony Seaside Swing! A vintage 1920s cabaret evening will take place on Saturday, **June 2**, when the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra hosts its annual Seaside Swing fundraiser at the Kittansett Club in Marion. This year's seaside gala features a "High Hats & Flapper Show" as well as signature cocktails, an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of the NBSO Swing Band, and a fabulous auction where guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique and interesting items.

A number of sponsorship packages are available for \$1,000 to \$10,000, including tickets, and all support levels include recognition in the Seaside Swing invitation and Seaside Swing program book, as well as in the concert season program book and on the NBSO website. Individual tickets for the event are \$200. To order tickets or for more details on sponsorships, call the NBSO at 508-999-6276. All proceeds from "Puttin' on the Ritz" will help



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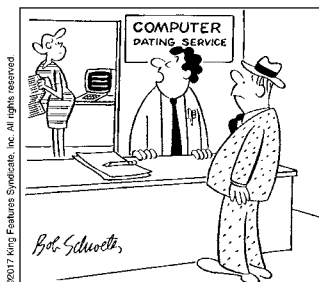
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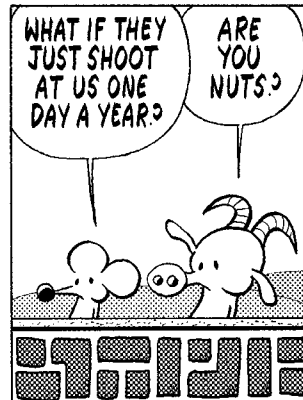
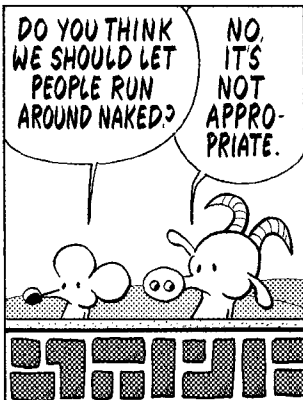
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The Marion Natural History Museum will offer the following programs through the winter and spring:

February 28: BARK! Have you ever noticed how trees have different types of bark? Some smooth, some deeply furrowed, but all serve an important purpose. Let's learn a little about tree identification using characteristics other than leaves.

March 14: Animal Track, Scat and Sign Basics. Gnawed wood, deer scat, and animal tracks left in the snow or mud. Come join us for a fun-filled adventure to learn about different animal tracks, how animals move, and the signs animals leave behind.

March 28: Designing with sticks and stones. Have you ever built a fort out of sticks? Some people might consider that a form of art as well as cover. We'll be looking at examples of different arrangements of simple items from nature (sand, rocks, twigs, leaves) to create art, and attempt to create a simple piece ourselves.

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Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads so I can attain my goals, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me, in this short prayer, to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory, thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer for three consecutive days. After three days, the favor requested will be granted, even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials shall appear at the bottom. B.H.

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O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). O Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen. Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish; it will be granted to you. B.H.

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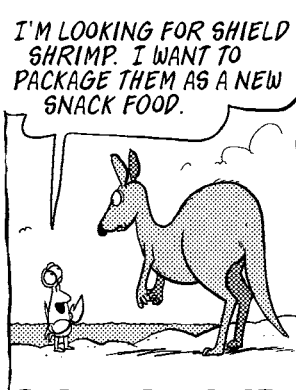
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



April 25: Let's dive into vernal pools. Let's study these temporary natural nurseries. We will be using microscopes and magnifiers to take a close look at some of the plants and animals that rely on this important habitat (they will be returned to the same pool they came from).

May 9: Bird Island trip with Isaac Perry and the Marion Harbormaster's office. We will see the habitat of some of the world's rarest birds. This program fills very fast so please register early!

May 16: This IS rocket science! Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and set off. The cost for this program is \$20 per participant. Submit payment to Marion Natural History Museum. Space is limited to 12 children. The program is limited to children ages 6 and older, on a first-come, first-served basis. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly. For more information, go to www.marionmuseum.org.

Summer Track and Field Camp

Summer Track and Field camp will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 am on **Saturday, July 30 - Tuesday, August 2** at ORRHS. Open to those entering Grades 5-12. The cost is \$125. Coaches will be Bill and Cindy Tilden, ORR hurdle coach Sean Medeiros, Wareham head coach Chris Gardner and New Bedford head coach Isaiah Houtman. You may register day of or send an email to orrtrackcoach@msn.com for registration papers.

Project GROW 2018-2019

Project GROW applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now available online for children who will be 3-5 years old by September 1, 2018. Project GROW is an integrated preschool program with three locations: Sippican School, Center School, and Rochester Memorial School. The program has a Monday/Wednesday/Friday group and a Tuesday/Thursday group, and both run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This program does not provide transportation, so families must arrange drop off and pick up. Tuition for the program is \$25 per day. Financial



assistance is available for families who qualify.

For more information about Project GROW, or for an application, please check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ORREarlyChildhoodOffice. You can also call the office at 508-748-1863 or email ChelseaHarrison@oldrochester.org.

Rochester Annual Town Election

Positions to appear on ballot:

- Selectman, three years, elect one
- Board of Assessors, three years, elect one
- Moderator, three years, elect one
- Tree Warden, three years, elect one
- Board of Health, three years, elect one
- Planning Board, five years, elect two
- Library Trustees, three years, elect two
- Cemetery Commission, three years, elect one
- Park Commission, three years, elect one
- Water Commission, three years, elect one
- Rochester School Committee, three years, elect two
- ORR School Committee, three years, elect one

Election Calendar

February 21: Last day to take out and return papers

March 22: Last day to register to vote for annual town election

April 11: Annual town election

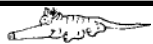
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 15	7:37	7:53	12:56	1:38
Friday	February 16	8:11	8:29	1:37	2:11
Saturday	February 17	8:47	9:06	2:16	2:42
Sunday	February 18	9:25	9:46	2:53	3:12
Monday	February 19	10:07	10:30	3:30	3:44
Tuesday	February 20	10:54	11:18	4:08	4:20
Wednesday	February 21	11:45	...	4:51	5:03
Thursday	February 22	12:10	12:40	5:45	5:54
Friday	February 23	1:06	1:38	6:56	6:58
Saturday	February 24	2:07	2:42	8:42	8:13
Sunday	February 25	3:15	3:51	10:13	9:30
Monday	February 26	4:26	4:57	11:12	10:39
Tuesday	February 27	5:29	5:55	...	12:01
Wednesday	February 28	6:25	6:48	12:00	12:47
Thursday	March 1	7:15	7:38	12:34	1:30
Friday	March 2	8:03	8:26	1:27	2:09
Saturday	March 3	8:50	9:14	2:16	2:44
Sunday	March 4	9:37	10:01	3:01	3:16

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	February 15th
	First Quarter	February 23rd
	Full Moon	March 1st
	Last Quarter	March 9th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 8, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 22!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

MOS	SPEC	RAS	UTES	DSL
EAT	ERMA	OPQ	PICA	APE
WHAT	COULD	YOU	SEAL	ANES
LUCE	LAAL	AA	ORANGE	S
CALL	BUTLER	SAND	MAIDS	
BRA	AIRS	ETTE	ISTOO	
MAT	UNO	BOG	AHOT	
WHO	ARE	WALKING	ON	STILTS
CIA	DAIRIES	ASSERT		
HIGHER	DEHELP	CROATIA		
ONO	OSS	EGO	UAR	
NEUTRON	HOW	DID	PEOPLE	
DELAYS	USER	IDS	ENO	
ADDRESS	THE	BRITISH	POET	
OPIE	SEE	AAA	HAW	
ATTIC	ILLS	MMCL	DUO	
WHEN	HE	FELL	INTO	AHOLE
HEAD	OFF	SALOON	AAHS	
I	PROMISE	LOWER	RED	BYRON
LEE	PLUM	ONA	OREO	MEA
END	SEPT	MAY	EASY	ESP

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Range; 2. Stable;
3. Staple; 4. Design

Today's Word

DESPERATE

Sudoku Answer

8	9	2	6	5	7	3	1	4
1	4	6	9	3	2	7	8	5
5	3	7	8	1	4	2	6	9
4	7	1	3	9	6	8	5	2
3	6	9	5	2	8	1	4	7
2	5	8	4	7	1	9	3	6
9	8	4	7	6	3	5	2	1
7	1	3	2	4	5	6	9	8
6	2	5	1	8	9	4	7	3

by Mark Parisi
off the mark



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